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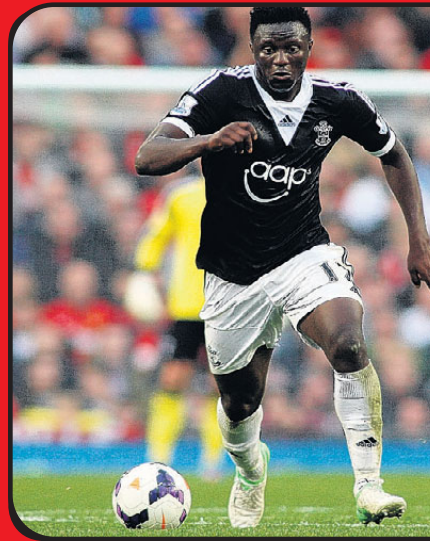
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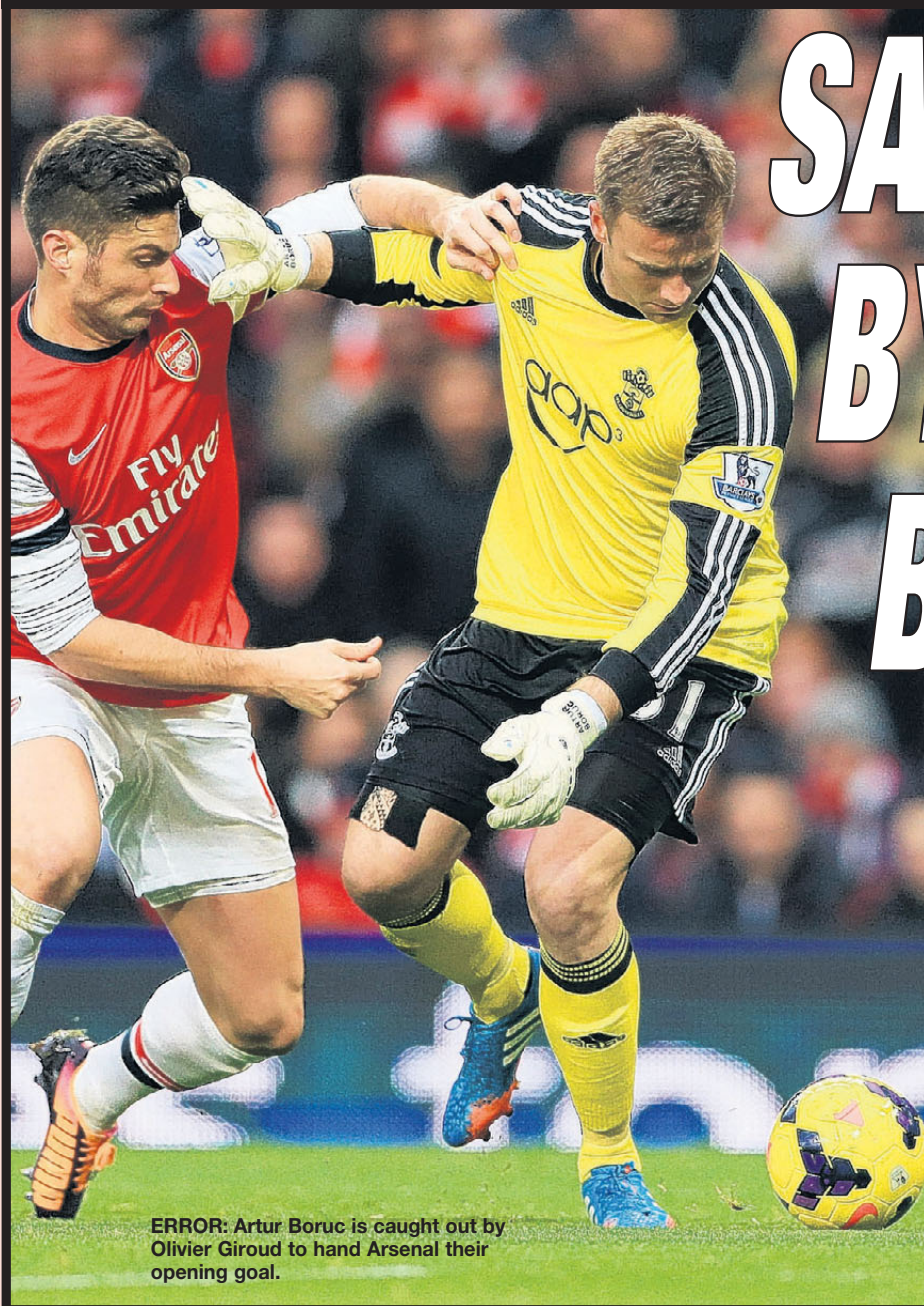
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Keeper's mistake proves costly for Saints at Gunners



ERROR: Artur Boruc is caught out by Olivier Giroud to hand Arsenal their opening goal.

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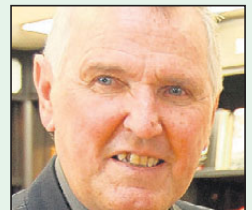
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BORUC GIFTS EARLY XMAS



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The result, however, ends the club's eight-match unbeaten league run and means they missed out on a chance to overhaul Arsenal and climb to the top of the division.

Kick-off was delayed by 15

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minutes at the Emirates due to problems on the London transport network.

When the game did get under way, Saints began in a composed, if not exactly threatening, manner.

Mauricio Pochettino's side retained the ball well and ensured there was no horror show in the first few minutes in the same way there was in the 6-1 defeat here last season.

However, Arsenal soon began to gain an increasing amount of control.

They very nearly opened the lead in the 11th minute with a clever effort from Jack Wilshere.

Aaron Ramsey had prodded a loose ball towards the edge of the area and, after Giroud and Fonte challenged for it, it

dropped into Wilshere's path on the right-hand side of the box.

He used his first touch to take the ball away from Luke Shaw before clipping a little lob from a tight angle over Boruc, only to see the ball hit the inside of the far post and rebound to the Saints keeper.

Luke Shaw had to be alert a minute later to snuff out another moment of danger, winning an important challenge with Giroud after Wilshere's clever reverse pass had found him in the area.

Shaw hurt his left leg in the process, but was back on the pitch after some treatment.

Saints were still unable to create anything, but there were at least displaying some

signs of a potential threat through Jay Rodriguez, with the forward producing a couple of flashes of incredible skill – notably a 360-degree spin that took him past three Arsenal players.

But it was the hosts who looked by far the more dangerous.

Again, the post denied them after 18 minutes, when Ramsey's audacious back-heel flick across goal from Mesut Özil's pass hit the outside of the upright and went behind.

Four minutes later, though, Arsenal were gifted the lead.

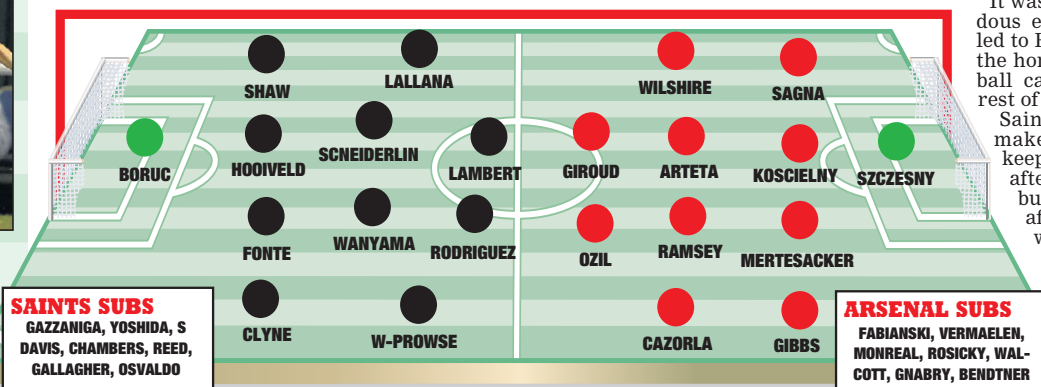
Boruc, who had committed a couple of poor kicks earlier in the match, received a back pass from Nathaniel Clyne, took a touch and, rather than clear downfield, attempted a Cruyff turn against the on-rushing Giroud.

It didn't work, and neither did his second or third attempt. The Saints stopper got himself increasingly tangled and was easily dispossessed by the Arsenal striker, who then rolled the ball into the empty net.

It was an absolutely horrendous error and, predictably, led to Boruc being taunted by the home fans every time the ball came near him for the rest of the match.

Saints had a chance to make amends for their keeper's mistake shortly afterwards, when Clyne burst free down the right after exchanging passes with Adam Lallana, but, as he prepared to square to the unmarked Rickie Lambert in the centre, he got the ball caught under his feet, allowing Arsenal to clear behind for a corner.

The visitors' first shot arrived after 32 minutes, when Wojciech Szczesny had to palm over a snap volley from Lallana, after Mikel Arteta made a hash of clearing a ball from the edge of the box.



Saints suffered a major blow ahead of kick-off, with centre half Dejan Lovren ruled out through illness.

Jos Hooiveld was elevated into the starting line-up to replace him, partnering José Fonte at the back.

TEAM NEWS

There was no place on the bench for Gastón Ramírez, who only returned from international duty yesterday. Instead, teenage academy

products Sam Gallagher, a striker, and Harrison Reed, a midfielder, were among the substitutes.

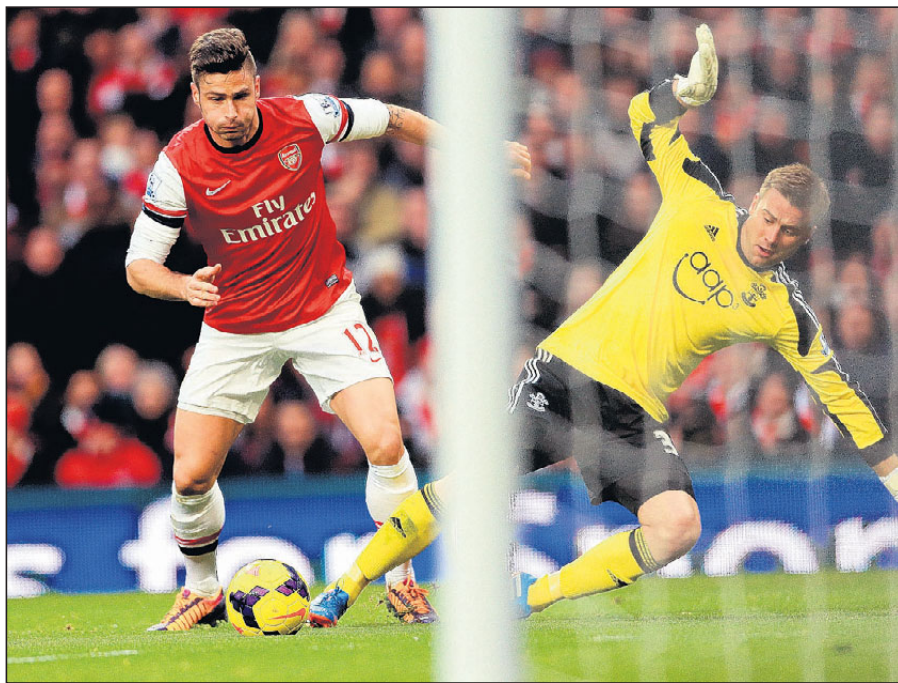
For Arsenal, ex-Saint Theo Walcott returned from a two-month lay-off to earn a place on the bench.

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Poch's men defeated in London

ARSENAL PRESENT



GOAL: Arsenal's Olivier Giroud rounds Artur Boruc to score the opener.

Saints were growing into the game and came closest six minutes before the break, as Rodriguez swapped passes with James Ward-Prowse, before firing in an acrobatic scissor-style volley that Szczesny had to dive across goal to tip wide.

Jos Hooiveld was the first man into the book shortly before half-time, for a high challenge on Giroud.

Saints made one change at the break, with Shaw's earlier knock forcing him off. Steven Davis replaced him, with Clyne moving to left back and Ward-Prowse to right-back.

Victor Wanyama joined Hooiveld in the book, for tripping Santi Cazorla, before Lallana drove a left-foot effort straight at Szczesny after Morgan Schneiderlin's smart cutback.

Saints' second change arrived in the 53rd minute, as Lallana was withdrawn for record signing Dani Osvaldo, as Saints searched for a greater presence at the very top of the pitch.

Cazorla then went over under a Wanyama challenge, as he drove into the area, but Mark Clattenburg rejected the penalty claim.

While his feet had let him down earlier, Boruc was assured with his hands when Özil fired in a stinging left-foot shot towards the near post in the 63rd minute.

Arsenal's first change came with 20 minutes left, as Cazorla made way for ex-Saint Theo Walcott, who was returning after two months out injured, while Arteta was substituted for Tomas Rosicky shortly after.

Osvaldo issued a warning

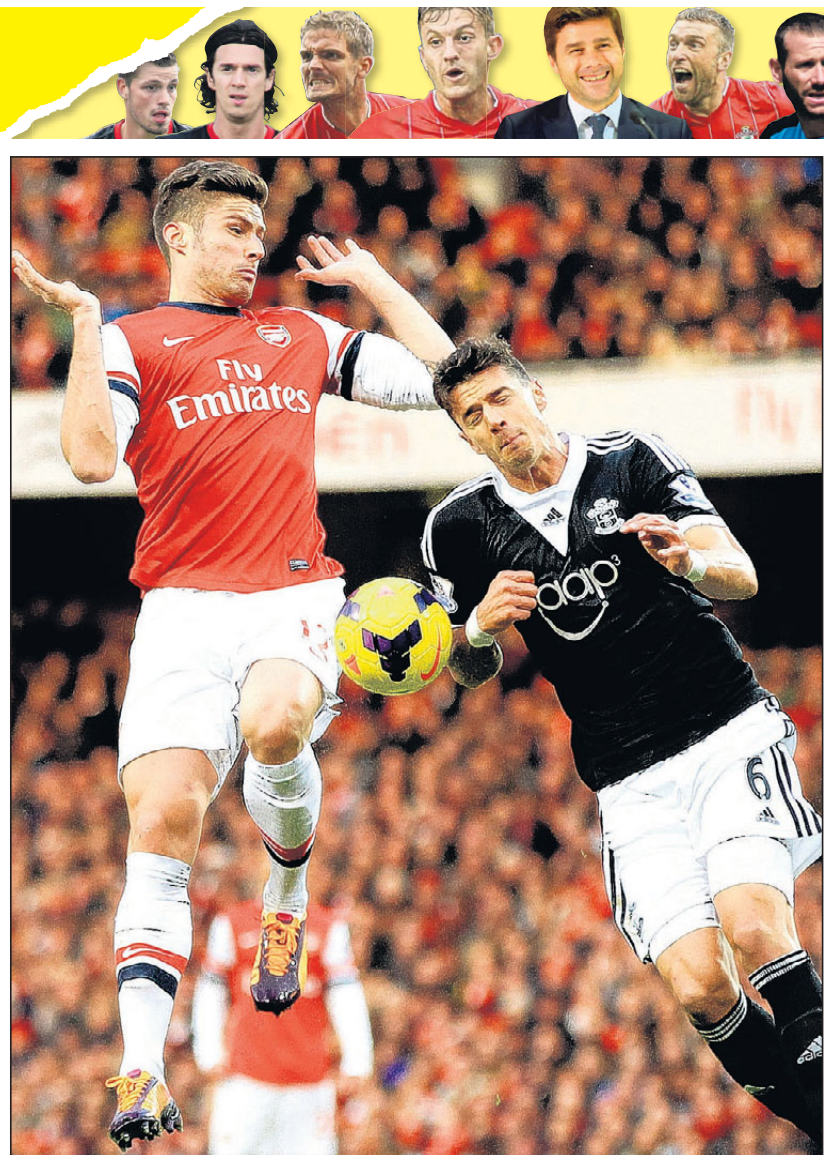
shot when he turned on the halfway line and drove between Wilshere and Per Mertesacker, only for his left-foot drive to find the grateful arms of Szczesny.

Lambert then had a shot well blocked after a clever turn just outside the box, while Wanyama blazed a volley over from distance, as Saints began to press a little more.

With the hosts looking to close out the match, Arsenal's £42.5m man Özil came off with just under ten minutes remaining, being replaced by Nacho Monreal.

Walcott almost finished things off himself, driving a shot from 20 yards just wide of the far post, with Boruc at full stretch.

Home nerves were eventually eased four minutes from the end after Clattenburg



CHALLENGE: Arsenal's Olivier Giroud and Jose Fonte take to the air.



awarded a penalty for a tug on Mertesacker's shirt from Fonte, as a corner was sent in.

There wasn't much of a pull there, but the Saints defender shouldn't have given the official a decision to make.

Giroud made no mistake from the spot, sending Boruc the wrong way to seal the points for the Gunners.

ABOVE: Nathaniel Clyne takes on Kieran Gibbs.

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Pochettino: No blame on Boruc

MAURICIO Pochettino said there was no need for Artur Boruc to apologise for the terrible error that gifted Arsenal their first goal.

The keeper was dispossessed by Olivier Giroud as he attempted to turn away from the player inside his own area during the first half at the Emirates Stadium.

The mistake left the Arsenal striker free to tap into an empty net, before Giroud converted a late penalty to seal the three points for the Premier League leaders.

"Football players don't really need to apologise to their own teammates," said Pochettino, pictured above, when asked if Boruc had said 'sorry' for the error.

"These things can happen.

"Football players can have amazing performances or they can have a bad day, as happened today to him, and we assume that these things can happen.

"The main thing is that they all support each other."

Pochettino said that Boruc's reticence to simply punt the ball downfield in favour of searching for a shorter option is an approach that he encourages.

"It's the way that we play," he said. "That's what I demand of him, that's what I demand of all my players. That's the style that we play. There's nothing more that we can say. It's just a bad day, and it happened."

ERROR IS SO

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ELEVEN years ago today, Antti Niemi went down in Saints folklore for a sensational triple save to deny Arsenal a late equaliser.

The 'Triple Antti' thwarted Patrick Vieira, ensuring a 3-2 win against Arsenal at St Mary's on November 23, 2002.

Saints were hoping to beat the Gunners for the first time in nine subsequent matches but, sadly, Artur Boruc was guilty of the sort of error that will be remembered for as long as Niemi's heroics.

A terrible blunder meant another moment to forget for the Pole, three weeks on from conceding after just 13 seconds to fellow goalkeeper Asmir Begovic at Stoke.

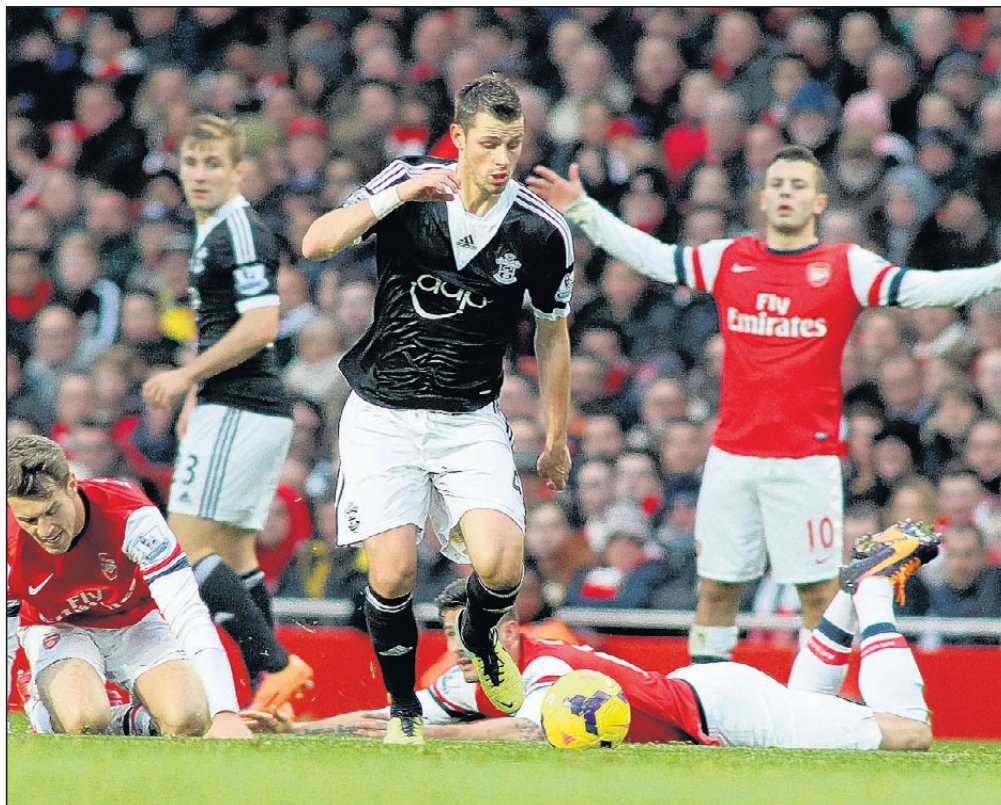
While he was not entirely blameless at the Britannia Stadium, where a powerful wind contributed to what was a freak goal, Boruc was most definitely culpable for Olivier Giroud's ninth of the season, midway through the first half at the Emirates.

Attempting to take on Giroud with some fancy footwork after receiving a pass back from Nathaniel Clyne, Boruc got himself into a terrible tangle.

His footwork was far from fancy and Giroud was only too happy to accept the gift.

Saints had already been dealt a blow by the absence through illness of Dejan Lovren, the club's player of the season thus far, an ever-present and the goalscoring hero in the 1-1 draw at Manchester United.

A similar result would have been most welcome but it was a win by a two-goal margin that Saints were dreaming of after Everton came from behind to ensure a share of the spoils in the Merseyside derby at



OUT GUNNED: Morgan Schneiderlin leaves two Arsenal players on the ground.

lunchtime. Everton had read the script, particularly Lukaku, whose two goals at Goodison Park had given fans hope of seeing Southampton at the top of the pile for the first time since January 1982.

Victory by a two-goal margin would have put Saints at the top of the Barclays Premier League for the first time since its inception 21 years

ago. But only once before have they won by two goals or more at Arsenal. And Boruc's error meant they were never going to replicate their 3-0 win at Highbury in April 1968, when Terry Paine, Joe Kirkup and Mick Judd scored past Bob Wilson.

It was a great shame as Saints gave as good as they got in the first

half.

Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny saved a couple of decent volleys, tipping over Adam Lallana's 18-yarder and palming aside Jay Rodriguez's effort after some excellent skill from the number nine.

Boruc was grateful not to be picking the ball out of his net when Jack

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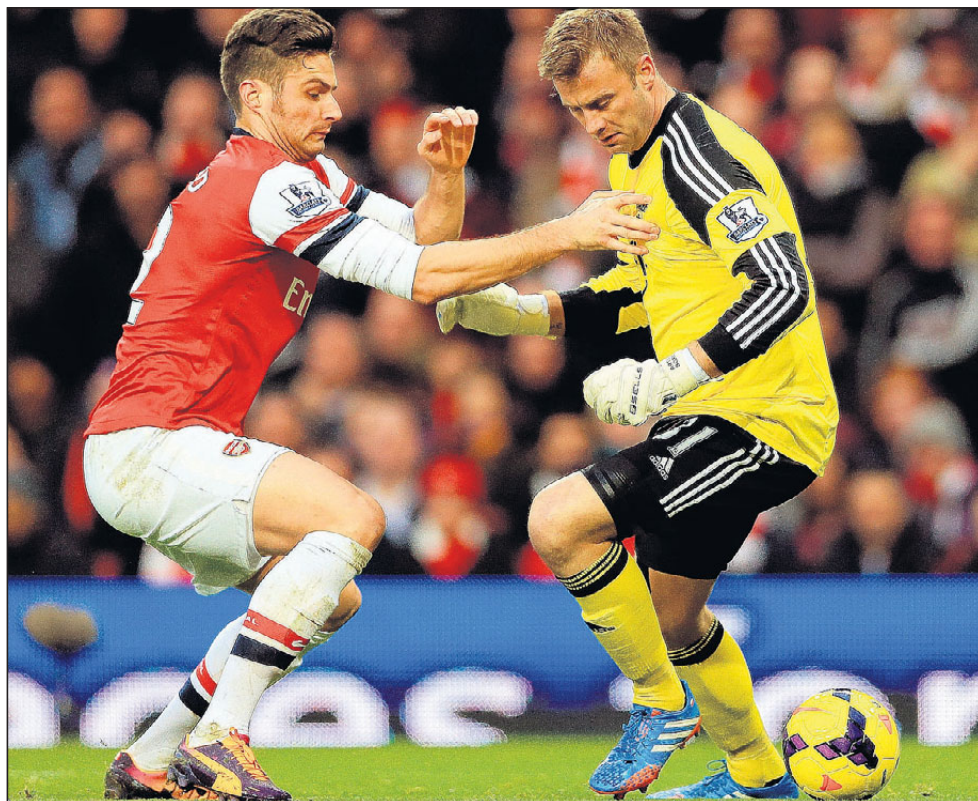
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GOAL: Arsenal's Olivier Giroud catches out Artur Boruc to then go on and score the host's opener.

Wilshere's cute chip from inside the area came back off the inside of the post ten minutes before Boruc's blunder.

But it was that sort of game.

A mistake was always likely to be the difference between two well-matched footballing sides and so it proved.

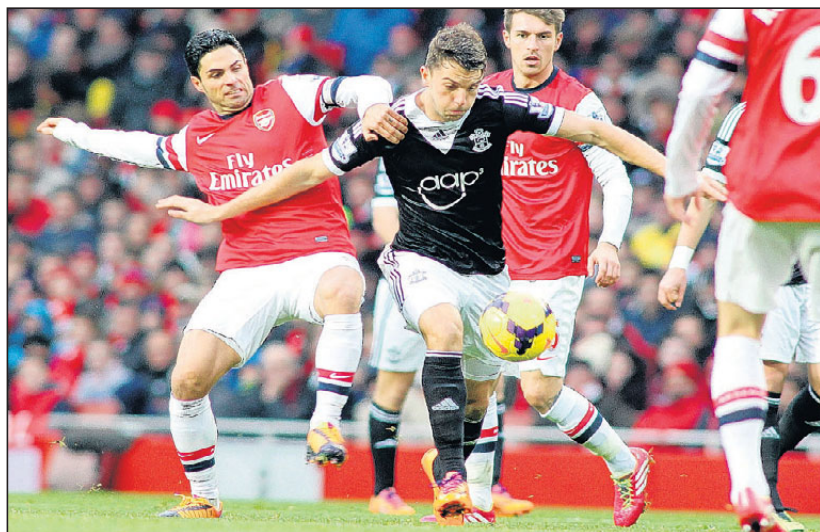
Giroud may have added a late

penalty, after a negligible shirt tug by Jose Fonte, but this was a definite improvement on the 6-1 mauling of 14 months ago, since when Victor Wanyama's arrival has added steel to Saints' silk.

Aaron Ramsey and Wilshere both bounced off the granite-like Kenyan, who was a formidable presence in the Saints midfield.

Jos Hooiveld, Lovren's replacement, will be relieved to have gone some way to exorcising the demons of Saints' previous visit to the Emirates, while Harrison Reed and Sam Gallagher, the latest academy alumni, soaked up a great deal of experience on the bench.

Onwards and upwards.



BATTLE: Saints forward Jay Rodriguez tries to avoid the attentions of Arsenal midfielder Mikel Arteta.

Ward punishes Howe's Cherries

JAMIE Ward's second-half strike ruined Matt Ritchie's long-awaited return as Derby County claimed a 1-0 win at Dean Court this afternoon.

And in a worrying finale for Cherries, star defender Steve Cook was carried off on a stretcher with a leg injury, the extent of which has yet to be confirmed.

Rams wide man Ward had earlier forced a close-range drive past Lee Camp in the 61st minute to settle the Championship clash in front of a sell-out crowd.

Cherries striker Tokelo Rantie was denied by Lee Grant in an opening half which also saw Camp produce routine saves from Ward and Simon Dawkins.

But Ward's goal put the Rams in charge after the break and despite the introduction of Ryan Fraser and Ritchie, who made his first appearance of the season, providing added impetus for the hosts, there was no way back against the in-form visitors.

To make matters worse, Cook was stretchered off deep into stoppage time following lengthy on-field treatment.

Cherries suffered a double setback ahead of the game with key men Elliott Ward and Harry Arter both ruled out due to calf problems. Club captain Tommy Elphick and Shaun MacDonald were promoted from the bench as Eddie Howe, pictured, made two enforced changes following the draw at Burnley prior to the international break.

Visitors Derby, under the management of ex-England boss Steve McClaren, replaced injured Kalifa Cisse (toe) with John Eustace.

The Rams, leading goalscorers in the Championship going into the game, fired an early signal of their intent when Dawkins fired over with an ambitious 25-yard effort.

In an enterprising yet largely uneventful start from both teams, the bright Eunan O'Kane and Brett Pitman both just failed to pick out the runs of Rantie after finding space deep in enemy territory.

Derby were quick to commit men forward when on the front foot and they also looked swift on the counter. From one such break, Ward forced a routine save from Camp after Will Hughes's precision pass had sent the livewire wide man scampering clear on the right.

Rantie, who helped South Africa to a memorable victory over Spain in midweek, had been kept quiet until he exploded into the action by almost netting an opener on 18 minutes.

Released by Lewis Grabban's

accurate ball, Rantie easily skipped past Jake Buxton to race towards the byline before cutting back inside Buxton. With only the keeper to beat, Rantie was denied as Derby number one Lee Grant desperately blocked at his near post.

Former Chesterfield frontman Ward was proving a constant threat and Derby-born former Rams stopper Camp again had to be alert to hold on to his fierce low drive on 28 minutes.

Buxton received a yellow card after halting Rantie as Cherries' record signing looked to break clear.

Rams keeper Grant gave the bumper travelling support a couple of nervy moments when he flapped at two inswinging Charlie Daniels set-pieces.

At the other end, Cook, recently linked with a move to the Premier

League, twice threw himself in front of Chris Martin efforts before Camp tipped over a ferocious Dawkins drive as the half neared its conclusion.

Derby skipper Richard Keogh ensured parity at the break when he produced a tremendous block as MacDonald launched himself at a loose ball after the Rams had failed to clear a teasing Grabban cross.

As Cherries looked to assert

themselves on the resumption, Pitman was unable to hit the target with a half-chance from Grabban's cross.

Ward saw his free-kick held by Camp before the Derby dangerman was rewarded for his impressive display by putting the Rams in the driving seat. Ward was perfectly placed to force home Craig Forsyth's low cross, his finish having enough power to beat Camp, despite the Cherries keeper getting a hand to the ball.

Cherries boss Howe acted by introducing wingers Fraser and Ritchie, the latter making a welcome return following a long-term thigh problem.

Ritchie was heavily involved from the right flank, with Grabban switching to his usual central role, where he was joined by Wes Thomas who replaced Pitman.

Howe's substitutions almost paid dividends when Thomas stormed in behind the Derby backline, his cross headed agonisingly wide by Fraser at the far post.

Camp produced an exceptional save to deny Derby sub Mason Bennett as Cherries were nearly caught on the counter. Fraser and Ritchie gave Cherries more of a threat but McClaren's men demonstrated their composure to see out time and boost their play-off hopes.



Saints Spotlight

FOLLOWING news that Southampton's Kenyan summer recruit Victor Wanyama has been nominated for the prestigious African Footballer of the Year award, theSPORTS PINK'S Christian Brown takes a look back at the other African players to feature for Saints through the years.

REUBEN AGBOOLA

Nigeria: 9 apps, 0 goals. Southampton (1978-85): 90 apps, 0 goals

A youth academy product, Agboola was thrown in at the deep end as he made his debut for Saints away at Manchester United in 1980. From there, he established himself firstly as a left back, before being deployed as a sweeper by Lawrie McMenemy as Southampton finished second in the 1983-84 season. Later sold to Sunderland for £150k.

CEDRIC BASEYA

DR Congo: 0 apps, 0 goals. Southampton (2005-08): 1 app, 0 goals

Having made it through the Saints academy, Baseya made his debut in 2008, coming on in the last minute against Ipswich Town without touching the ball. Moved on a free a few months after.

DJAMEL BELMADI

Algeria: 20 apps, 5 goals. Southampton (2005-07): 36 apps, 3 goals

After spells at Paris Saint-Germain, Marseille and Manchester City, there was no doubting Belmadi's ability. When Saints signed him as a Championship club, it was a signing of intent. Terrorising full backs down both sides when he played, injuries sadly blighted his spell in Hampshire. Belmadi departed after two seasons.

HENRI CAMARA

Senegal: 99 apps, 29 goals, Southampton (2005, loan): 13 apps, 4 goals

Signed in an attempt to keep the club in the top flight, Camara didn't do badly at Southampton, but his goals weren't enough and Saints dropped into the Championship on the final day.

ALI DIA

Senegal: 0 apps, 0 goals. Southampton (1996): 1 app, 0 goals

Possibly the best footballing story of all time, assuming you're not Graeme Souness. After receiving a phone call from 'George Weah' asking Souness to give his 'cousin', who had played for Paris Saint-Germain and 13 times for his country, a chance, Souness accepted and gave Dia a month long contract. He came on for Matt Le Tissier on his debut, and was substituted soon after when it transpired he wasn't actually very good. Weah claims he's never heard of him and Dia's contract was soon terminated.

TAHAR EL KHALEJ

Morocco: 49 apps, 2 goals. Southampton (2000-03): 58 apps, 3 goals

Bought from Portuguese giants Benfica, El Khalej presented himself as a beacon of positivity on an otherwise awful day with a goal on his debut against Tottenham Hotspur in a 7-2 loss. Struggled to dislodge either Claus Lundekvam or Dean Richards at centre back, and was subsequently moved to midfield.

YOANN FOLLY

Togo: 1 app, 0 goals. Southampton (2003-06): 14 apps

One of Gordon Strachan's worst buys, £250k was splashed out on Folly before he'd even kicked a ball in a league fixture for St Etienne. Left for Sheffield Wednesday for undisclosed compensation three years after.

BRUCE GROBBELAAR

Zimbabwe: 33 apps, 0 goals. Southampton



SHOT: Victor Wanyama has been a hit since joining from Celtic and, below, Papa Waigo.

(1994-96): 32 apps, 0 goals
The man famous for his 'spaghetti legs' antics during the 1984 European Cup Final penalty shootout for Liverpool, Grobbelaar spent just over a season with Southampton, but it wasn't without controversy. Match fixing charges were thrown at Grobbelaar from his Liverpool days, but despite this, during his next game after the allegations he kept a clean sheet against Arsenal.

HASSAN KACHLOUL

Morocco: 12 apps, 0 goals. Southampton (1998-2001): 85 apps, 15 goals

Undoubtedly one of the better free signings made by Southampton, Kachloul signed after a self imposed release from Metz in 1998. While fans may have been worried about his attitude, he largely delivered on the pitch and will forever be remembered for scoring twice in the last ever game at The Dell – also Kachloul's last game in a

Southampton shirt – that 3-2 win over Arsenal.

EMMANUEL MAYUKA

Zambia: 43 apps, 10 goals. Southampton (2012-now): 11 apps, 0 goals

One of the summer signings made by Saints after promotion to the top flight, Mayuka has done little to suggest he warrants the five year deal awarded to him. Currently on loan at Sochaux in an attempt to find some form and kick start his Southampton career.

PELE

Cape Verde: 11 apps: 0 goals. Southampton (2006-07): 37 apps, 1 goal

When news broke that Southampton had signed Pele, fans must have been wondering if they had entered a time-warp or something.

Instead, they had acquired a commanding centre half who could also play in midfield, and upon sale to West Bromwich Albion, recouped £1m.

PAPA WAIGO

Senegal: 15 apps, 1 goal. Southampton (2009-10, loan): 35 apps, 5 goals

Not every League One outfit can attract a Senegalese international to play third division football, but that's exactly what Southampton did in 2009. While Waigo's league form wasn't the greatest, he played a huge role in the 2010 Johnstone's Paint Trophy triumph at Wembley, scoring in the 4-1 victory over Carlisle United and finishing as top scorer for the tournament.

VICTOR WANYAMA

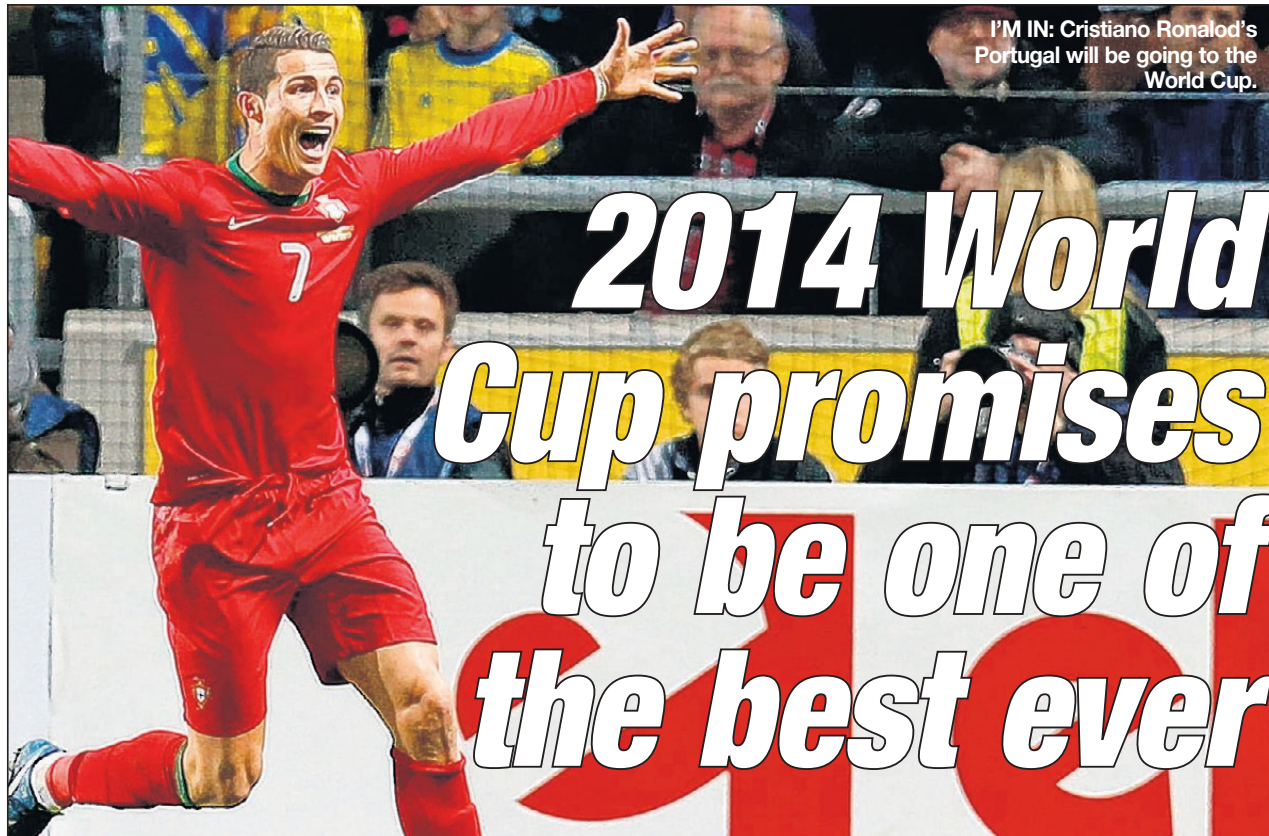
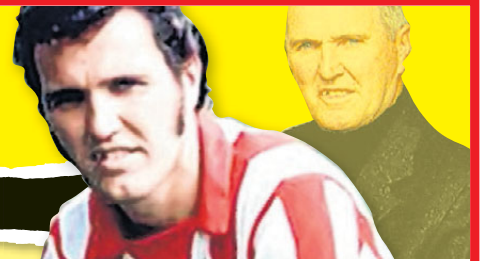
Kenya: 27 apps, 1 goal. Southampton (2013-present): 10 apps 0 goals.

After shining in the SPL and Champions League with Scottish giants Celtic, Wanyama made the move to Saints in the summer of 2013 for a fee believed to be in the region of £12m. He has been an ever-present so far this season and, in so doing, has become the first Kenyan to play in the Premier League.

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



I'M IN: Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal will be going to the World Cup.

THE 2014 FIFA World Cup promises to be yet another spellbinding celebration of the game from the greatest players on the planet.

Brazil is the spiritual home of football and this vast country in South America – despite the prospect of public protests during the event – is expected to provide a fitting platform for the finest footballers on the planet to display their special and mesmerising skills.

It is unfortunate that sometimes, due to several circumstances, great players miss out.

Two of the game's all-time finest footballers, Alfredo Di Stefano and George Best, never played in a World Cup.

MODERN HEROES

Modern heroes Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Andres Iniesta, Robin Van Persie, Neymar, Philipp Lahm, Steven Gerrard, Andrea Pirlo and Radamel Falcao will head an all-star cast in a multi-billion dollar extravaganza that stops the world once every four years.

Yet one can't help but feel for those individual masters of the game who couldn't guide their nations to the ultimate footballing showpiece.

The glaring absentees from Brazil this time round include some stellar names and reputations.

The world's most expensive footballer, Gareth Bale, will be watching the World Cup from

his lavish new residence in Madrid, rather than from on the pitch.

Frustrating without doubt it must be to the Welshman, who won't be able to frighten opposition defences with his pace and power. Neither for that matter will fellow countryman and possibly the Premier League's most in-form midfielder, Aaron Ramsey.

But, then again, gifted Welshmen not playing at world events is nothing new. Just ask Ryan Giggs.

Perhaps the player who will be most missed from the event is the self-labelled "God" of football, Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

The gifted front man, pictured, was undone on Tuesday night by a certain



Cristiano Ronaldo, who almost single-handedly guided Portugal to the finals with four remarkable goals over the two legs.

Ibrahimovic himself described the World Cup after as "not worth watching without Zlatan" after Tuesday night's defeat.

He is not the only striker on top of the world game who'll miss out, though.

The much-coveted Polish forward Robert Lewandowski is another who'll be enjoying the competition from his living room.

Lewandowski, a player who would have relished the big occasion, having performed brilliantly for his domestic side, Dortmund, in the past couple of years, would have thrived at a World Cup.

Unfortunately for the talented forward, his national team, Poland, don't really offer as high a quality of players as the ones he plays with at Borussia Dortmund.

Stefan Jovetic too, the man from Montenegro who cost Manchester City £30m in the summer, will be deprived of showcasing his predatory prowess in the world's most esteemed footballing tournament.

The striker is yet to really make an impact in the colours of City, but established himself during his time in Italy as one of the most promising forwards of the modern game.

It's not just some of the world's best strikers who we'll be missing out on, though.

Petr Cech, the ever-present last line of defence for Chelsea and the Czech Republic, won't feature.

Some of the names mentioned above are the biggest in world football, and any tournament will be poorer without their presence, yet World Cups aren't just about individuals and their brilliance.

CHARISMA

While all 32 of the nations qualified will arrive in Brazil with an army of dedicated fans, some more than others are able to provide a certain charisma and exuberance to the event with their passionate fans.

In 2010, South Africa was lauded across the footballing world for hosting a uniquely spectacular and successful event.

Despite the failings of Bafana Bafana on the pitch, their fans adopted the travelling teams as their own and, while there won't be many who'll miss the drones of the vuvuzelas, they will certainly miss South Africa's presence. Despite the list of names and nations who won't be in attendance, we do still have an incredible tournament to look forward to.

A frustrating glimpse of South Africa's brilliance ...

IT wasn't supposed to be like this. Spain's return to the ground where they won the FIFA World Cup just over three years ago was meant to be a procession-al celebration, where they overcame a stubborn home outfit like they had done throughout their "world tour".

Unfortunately for them, Bafana Bafana had little time for nostalgia and put in a performance that alluded to their potential. For a country with a fabled football history, South Africa, much like Spain pre-2008, are perennial underachievers.

And, while a victory over the reigning world champions is something worth celebrating, it is scant consolation for missing out on the carnival in Brazil next year.

Failure to progress from a group containing Botswana, Ethiopia and the Central African Republic was another in a long line of qualification failures for the nation.

Following that disappointment, coach Gordon Igesund was quick to start building for the future.

With an average age of 24, the team that took to the field against Spain is very much a work in progress.

And despite the first 10 minutes, when they were overrun, they went toe-to-toe with

Vicente Del Bosque's world-beaters and came out on top. Key to the South African victory was the midfield combination of Andile Jali and Oupa Manyisa, the same pairing that helped guide Orlando Pirates to the CAF Champions League Final.

They showed great composure and technical ability, matching up to the indomitable Spanish midfield containing Iniesta, pictured, and Xabi Alonso. Bernard Parker continued to build on his reputation as a game-breaker, with a cool finish over the advancing Victor Valdes.

All across the park it was South Africa's tenacity that disrupted the Spanish passing game, forcing them into a surprising amount of errors.

At the back it was Itumeleng Khune that shone once again, with a string of fine saves, and it was his distribution that played a part in South Africa's goal, with a pinpoint kick finding Parker on the left. While the game was slightly soured by the altercation surrounding the replacement of Valdes, which may cost Bafana valuable rankings points, it was still another night to remember in Soweto.

● Terry Paine has written the foreword for the new Saints book by Hagiology Publishing – *All the Saints*.

The publication profiles every player who has ever featured for the club and hits the shelves on Thursday.

More details about the book can be found on pages 16-17 of today's Pink.



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SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2013/14

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AUGUST															
Sat 17	West Brom(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez*	S Davis**
Sat 24	Sunderland(H)	D 1-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte 1	Lovren	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Lallana***	Rodriguez	Lambert	Clyne*	Osvaldo**
Tue 27	Barnsley (CCC 2) . . .(A)	W 5-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox	Cork	S Davis 2	Isgrrove*	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez** 1	Mayuka*** 1	Rowe*	Sinclair***
Sat 31	Norwich(A)	L 0-1	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Osvaldo***	Lallana*	Lambert	Ramirez*	Rodriguez**
SEPTEMBER															
Sun 15	West Ham(H)	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw**	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez	Osvaldo	Lallana*	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Chambers**
Sat 21	Liverpool(A)	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren 1	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez**	Osvaldo	Lallana**	Lambert*	S Davis*	W-Prowse**
Tues 24	Bristol City (CCC 3) (H)	W 2-0	K Davis	Chambers	Yoshida	Hooiveld 1	Fox	Cork	S Davis***	W-Prowse	Ramirez 1	Do Prado**	Lee*	Reed**	Cork***
Sat 28	Crystal Palace(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Osvaldo 1	Lallana***	Lambert** 1	Rodriguez*	Ramirez***
OCTOBER															
Sat 5	Swansea(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Osvaldo*	Lallana 1	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez** 1
Sat 19	Man United(A)	D 1-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama***	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana 1	Rodriguez*	Osvaldo	Lambert*	Do Prado***
Sat 26	Fulham(H)	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse**	Rodriguez* 1	Lallana	Lambert 1	Do Prado*	Cork**
NOVEMBER															
Sat 2	Stoke(A)	D 1-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Rodriguez* 1	Lallana	Lambert	Ramirez*	Do Prado***
Wed 6	Sunderland (CCC 4) . .(A)	L 1-2	K Davis	Chambers	Yoshida 1	Lovren	Fox	Cork	Reed	S Davis**	Ramirez***	Rodriguez	Lee*	W-Prowse*	Gallagher***
Sat 9	Hull(H)	W 4-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin 1	W-Prowse	Lallana*** 1	Rodriguez	Lambert** 1	S Davis*	Cork***
Sat 23	Arsenal(A)														
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Sun 1	Chelsea(A)														
Wed 4	Aston Villa(H)														
Sat 7	Manchester City . . .(H)														
Sat 14	Newcastle(A)														
Sat 21	Tottenham(H)														
Thu 26	Cardiff(A)														
Sun 29	Everton(A)														
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Sat 3	Swansea(A)														
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KELVIN DAVIS	0	0	3	0	286(1)	0	JACK CORK	0(4)	0	3	0	99(12)	0	RICKIE LAMBERT	10(1)	4	0	0	196(11)	107
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	11	0	VICTOR WANYAMA	11	0	0	0	11	0	JAY RODRIGUEZ	8(2)	3	2(1)	1	36(14)	13
ARTUR BORUC	11	0	0	0	32	0	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	11	1	0	0	0178(28)	9	DANI OSVALDO	6(2)	1	0	0	6(2)	1
NATHANIEL CLYNE	8(1)	0	1	0	43(1)	1	ADAM LALLANA	11	3	0(1)	0	0211(24)	53	TADANARI LEE	0	0	2	0	9(5)	2
CALUM CHAMBERS	3(1)	0	2	0	5(2)	0	STEVE DAVIS	3(3)	1	3	2	29(14)	5	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	1	1	3(10)	1
DEJAN LOVREN	11	1	0	0	11	1	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	6(5)	0	1(1)	0	017(18)	1	BILLY SHARP	0	0	0	0	12(6)	10
JOSE FONTE	11	1	1	0	153(3)	13	JASON PUNCHEON	0	0	0	0	070(10)	10	SAM GALLAGHER	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
JOS HOOIVELD	0	0	2	1	68(3)	9	LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	1	0	01(1)	0	HARRISON REED	0	0	1(2)	0	1(2)	0
MAYA YOSHIDA	0	0	3	1	36(1)	1	OMAR ROWE	0	0	0(2)	0	00(2)	0							
LUKE SHAW	9(1)	0	0	0	33(6)	0	JAKE SINCLAIR	0	0	0(1)	0	00(1)	0							
DANNY FOX	2	0	3	0	57(10)	1	GASTON RAMIREZ	0(4)	0	3	2	23(10)	7							
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	GULY DO PRADO	0(3)	0	1	0	078(31)	22							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Pride in Saints...

Saints fans finally have something to sing about

ON THE BALL: Adam Lallana in action for England.



TODAY I did something I have never done whilst having a cheeky bet on Saints: I bet on Saints to lose.

Now before you chastise me and accuse me of letting the Saints down, let me put your mind at rest.

I am the Mark Lawrenson of betting, I am to betting what Rik Waller is to tight rope walking.

In predicting a Saints defeat at the Emirates I am in fact making the ultimate sacrifice, my accumulator for an away win.

The fact is that the next two fixtures will define our season.

Lose away and no one will be surprised and the recent media love for with Saints will come to a close.

Get two points away at Arsenal and Chelsea and you can carry on believing.

Anything above three points and you're in dreamland.

In Chelsea you have the pre-season favourites, in Arsenal you have the current favourites.

Beat Arsenal and have Liverpool slip up and you have the mind blowing possibility that Southampton could be sitting on top of the Premier League, and by the time you read this we'll know if that is the case (and whether my bet was a failure as usual!).

Saints fans have been accused of many things recently, one of which, astonishingly enough, was of being arrogant.

That's right, little old Southampton, who were on -10 points in League 1 not so long ago, are arrogant.

Well at least that's the view online.

EARNED THE RIGHT

Call me precious but surely if any club in the country had earned the right to feel good about themselves right now it's Saints fans.

Not so long ago we were weeks away from oblivion and now we're challenging some of the best teams in the country and beating them.

If you can't savour those moments what's the point of being a football fan?

This month has seen three Saints players – Lambert, Lallana and Rodriguez – called up for their country and two more for the under-21s – Ward Prowse and Shaw – and another, Clyne, pretty much considered to be the best right back in the country.

At what stage would any fan of any club not be blowing their own trumpet and loud and proud?

When you consider that in this country any team outside of the top five big clubs is aiming for a cup win or top six place at best, what do you look for in your club?

If you can't puff your chest out and give it the proverbial big one when half of your squad is on international duty, when can you?

To any fan of any football club who thinks Saints fans are overly boasting about our season I say "tough, deal with it".

We've had more than enough lean years, more than enough struggle.

We've earned our time in the spotlight and I for one am going to enjoy every minute of it.

Saints have pretty much been the flavour of the month as far as the press are con-

cerned – the latest pundit to sing our praises none other than Alan Shearer who stated: "It's refreshing that they are continuing to produce youngsters at an academy that has worked wonders over the years."

"The money that football club has made out of their youth academy, it's a model for everyone to look at."

It's an interesting compliment, for no other reason that it follows a statement from Mauricio Pochettino stating Saints will not need to spend in January in order to maintain their push for European football next season because of the number of young players striving to break into his first team.

Pochettino stated: "What's been the case here in Southampton is that two good things have come together – the fact that there's been a very good project in place for a long time, in the sense that we always push players through the academy, and a manager that fully believes in young players."

"In that sense Nicola Cortese found what he was looking for when he appointed me as manager because of the work I was doing at Espanyol."

"I had a similar kind of philosophy at Espanyol, where I was fully focused on young players, and that has been transferred to Southampton."

"People here didn't know me but Nicola did, he was aware of my work for five years at Espanyol."

Have Saints found that mythical solution to the problems that surround England as a footballing nation?

England's disappointing defeats to Chile and Germany highlighted an interesting flaw in us as a footballing nation.

Both international sides did something that quite frankly I haven't seen in an England side for years.

They looked comfortable on the ball.

There is a tendency in this country to get rid of the ball as quick as you can.

PANIC

If you had a pound for every time you heard "Get rid of it" at a football ground or amateur game you could probably buy a football club.

We panic when we see players that actually can play the ball out of defence, we seem to be obsessed with "direct football", as if getting the ball into the box as quickly as possible is the only way forward.

You cannot tell me that the country that gave football to the world is now incapable of winning the World Cup.

But we could be incapable if we continue to stifle creativity and frown upon ability over effort.

Last week I bemoaned the exclusion of Matthew Le Tissier from the England set up under Glen Hoddle.

Surely there can be no greater indicator of where we went wrong as a footballing nation than the fact we excluded Matt in favour of Darren Anderton?

Sometimes in sport, as in life, you just have to be brave.

You cannot accuse the English of lacking fight, but you can certainly accuse them of lacking faith.

Until we can have faith in ability, creativity and work ethic then we are destined to dream of winning the world cup rather than actually doing it...

"Have Saints found the solution to the problems that surround England as a footballing nation?"

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"If he wants to look like me, I would dissuade him from doing his coaching badges and getting into management. Play as long as you can, play until you're 64 and then think about management" - Republic of Ireland manager Martin O'Neill urges veteran striker Robbie Keane not to hang up his boots just yet.

"I don't know if he knows the meaning of this word charlatan. Probably I can teach him, even if I am not English" - Former Sunderland boss Paolo Di Canio hits back at Martin O'Neill after being labelled a "managerial charlatan" by the Irishman.

"To be honest, the likelihood of finding a French player or a Nigerian with a granny from Belfast is pretty slim" - Northern Ireland manager Michael O'Neill has been frustrated in his search for new players.

"One thing is for sure, a World Cup without me is nothing to watch so it is not worthwhile to wait for the World Cup" - Zlatan Ibrahimovic, below, reacts to Sweden's loss to Portugal in their World Cup qualifier in his typical understated fashion.



"When you're riding the crest of a wave and everything's going really well for you, it's hard to learn. But when you make mistakes in life, business, anything, that's when you learn. I think as a person, you grow when you make mistakes. We've all made mistakes in all our lives. That's when you learn the most, and if I hadn't learned I wouldn't be sitting (here) on the eve of my 100th Test match" - Kevin Pietersen reflects on the ups and downs of his career ahead of his 100th Test appearance for England.

"We have to remember these days. There's no guarantee they will be forever. We have incredible team spirit. I'm so proud of you guys. I love you" - Sebastian Vettel thanks his Red Bull team over the radio after winning the US Grand Prix for a record eighth straight victory.

"We've moved on from that. John retired" - Roy Hodgson rules out an England return for John Terry.

"It's the magic of football. Four days ago we were bad, very bad, but the players responded well" - A delighted Didier Deschamps revels in France's turnaround as they beat Ukraine 3-0 to overturn a 2-0 first-leg deficit and qualify for the World Cup.

A FLYING START...

DANI OSVALDO has not enjoyed the start to life at Saints that he would have craved, or his club record fee demanded.

The Italian international went into this weekend's game at Arsenal with just one goal from his first eight Premier League outings since a £15m arrival from Roma.

That was against the league's bottom club, Crystal Palace, back in September.

In his short time at Saints, Osvaldo has already been linked with moves to Italy and Spain.

But Mauricio Pochettino has always dismissed such newspaper speculation.

Ironically, Osvaldo had scored on his first two appearances for Pochettino's Espanyol after being signed on loan in April 2010.

Osvaldo also made an early impact when he joined Roma in September 2011, netting four times in his first seven Serie A outings.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the starts other Saints signings made to their careers at the club.

As we can see, some were great, some were good ... and some underwhelming.

In alphabetical order, we have ...

Lee Barnard: Scored six goals in his first eight League 1 games for Saints after arriving in January 2010 from Southend for £175,000.

The first two of those came in a 2-0 victory at Norwich, before another brace helped Saints thrash Walsall 5-1.

A few days later Barnard scored again in a 5-0 thrashing of Huddersfield.

James Beattie: Failed to score in his first nine Premier League outings for Saints after arriving from Blackburn in the summer of 1998.

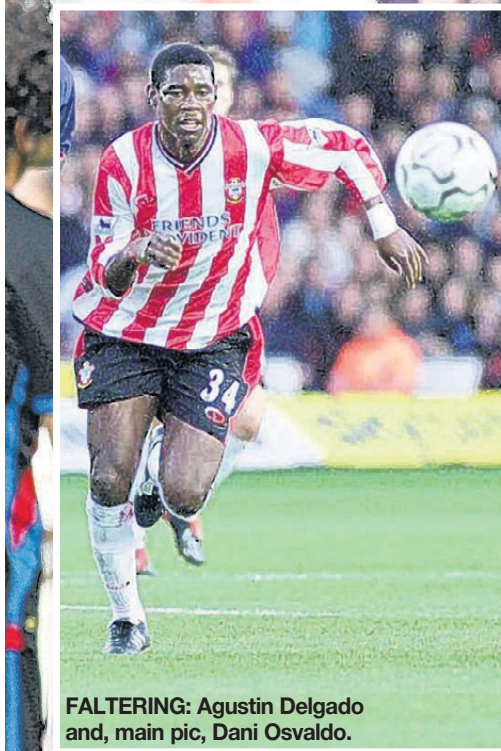
Eventually got off the mark in his tenth game, a 3-3 draw with Middlesbrough at The Dell which saw the visitors end with nine men.

Phil Boyer: After going three games without a goal at the start of Saints' 1977/78 promotion winning season, Boyer broke his duck with a double in a 3-0 Dell win against Burnley.

Colin Clarke: Made a spectacular start to life at The Dell with a hat-trick against QPR on his debut on the opening day of the 1986/87 season.

The Northern Ireland international struck three more goals in his ninth First Division game for the club, against Newcastle.

In all, he scored 16 times in his



FALTERING: Agustin Delgado and, main pic, Dani Osvaldo.

first 20 league games.

Peter Crouch: Scored on his second appearance for Saints, as a second half sub on his home debut against Bolton in August 2004.

Despite costing the club £2.5m in the summer of 2004, he only made regular starts when Harry Redknapp arrived in December 2004, and scored four goals in his first seven starts under him.

Finished as Saints' leading Premier League marksman that season with 12 goals.

Kevin Davies: The 20-year-old scored the winner against Crystal Palace on his third appearance for Saints in 1997/98.

In all, he managed three goals in his first six league games, including a strike against Liverpool at The Dell.

Ron Davies: No striker in history has ever made the start to life at

Saints than the Welsh international did at the start of the 1966/67 season.

After failing to score in his first two games, Davies then went on a phenomenal run, plundering 26 goals in as many games.

Of those 26 games, he only failed to score in five of them.

Davies ended the season with 37 goals from his 41 top flight starts.

No striker has ever scored more in a First Division/Premier League season since, and almost certainly no one ever will.

Agustin Delgado: The £3.2m striker will go down in history as one of Saints' worst signings.

Having arrived at St Mary's in November 2001, the Ecuadorian only managed one league goal - against Arsenal over 12 months



later - in what

turned out to be a disastrous spell.

Only managed 11 Premier League outings - nine of which were off the bench - before being released on a free in the summer of 2004.

Stern John: After failing to score in his first four games for Saints, he broke his duck with a brace in a 3-2 home

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BUT WHAT NEXT?



SUPER START: Ron Davies hit 26 goals in 26 games after drawing a blank in his first two.

win over West Bromwich Albion in September 2007.

The striker who arrived at St Mary's as part of the deal which saw Kenwyne Jones join Sunderland finished as Saints' leading scorer that season, with two more goals on the final day helping to keep the club in the Championship.

Joe Jordan: The former Scottish international scored three times in his first six First Division games at the start of the 1984/85 campaign.

Rickie Lambert: Netted on his Saints league debut at Huddersfield in August 2009 – a sign of things to come.

In all, the £1m striker struck six goals in his first ten League 1 outings for Alan Pardew's men.

Ted MacDougall: After arriving at Saints shortly into the 1976/77

season, he netted on his second start in a 6-2 loss at Charlton before scoring twice in a 4-1 win against Fulham at The Dell in his third game.

In all, he scored eight goals in his first 12 Second Division games.

Peter Osgood: Became Saints' record signing at £250,000 when he arrived from Chelsea in March 1974.

He failed to score in his first nine First Division starts for the club, only opening his account in his tenth outing at Everton on the final day of the 1973/74 campaign.

Unfortunately that goal, in Saints' 3-0 win, failed to prevent the club from suffering relegation.

Egil Ostenstad: The Norwegian scored twice in the famous 6-3 Dell thrashing of Manchester United in October 1996 in what

was his second start for the club and his third appearance in all.

Marian Pahars: The current Latvian international boss scored a crucial goal in a 3-3 Dell draw against Blackburn on his second sub appearance in April 1997.

On his fourth start for the club, he scored twice against Everton on the final day of the season to complete Saints' Great Escape season.

Kevin Phillips: Made an instant impact with a goal on his debut in Saints' 2-2 draw at Leicester on the opening day of the 2003/04 season.

But the £3.25m striker only managed one more goal in his next 17 Premier League appearances.

Grzegorz Rasiak: The Polish striker scored four times in 12 appearances for Saints in 2005/06 while on loan from George Burley's for-

mer club Tottenham.

Signed permanently for £2m in the summer for 2006, Rasiak started 2006/07 with eight goals in his first nine Championship matches.

Marek Saganowski: Made a superb start to life at St Mary's after being brought in on loan by George Burley in February 2007.

After failing to score in his first three games, the Polish international fired ten goals in his next ten games.

That purple patch included a hat-trick in a 6-0 win at Wolves.

Signed permanently in the summer for around £1m, Saints fans were understandably excited by Saganowski's recruitment.

But he managed just two goals in his first 29 Championship appearances of 2007/08, before scoring a vital goal in the last day win over Sheffield United that kept Saints up – for 12 months anyway.

Billy Sharp: Scored just once in his first seven Championship games for Saints after his £1.7m arrival in January 2012 – on his home debut against Barnsley.

Then finished the campaign with a flourish, scoring eight times in the last eight games including doubles against former club Doncaster, Portsmouth and Peterborough.

Neil Shipperley: Signed for a then club record £1.2m in early 1995, Shipperley failed to score in his first six games for the club before netting four times in his next seven Premier League starts.

Gordon Watson: Signed for £1.2m in March 1995, Watson scored on his second appearance, in a 3-1 Dell win against Newcastle, and in all struck three times in his first nine league games.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"My body has taken such a bruising over the last 16 years and that's finally taken its toll. I have had some amazing experiences through playing tennis - some incredible highs and some very low lows - and I wouldn't change any of them but now my mind and my body are telling me it's time to move on to a new phase of my life" - **Former British number one Elena Baltacha**, below, announces her retirement from tennis.

"It's a crushing blow for me. I had big plans for next year and the ultimate goal was to win back the world heavyweight title, something my amazing fans deserve. Perhaps it just wasn't meant to be. The boxing gods keep hinting that maybe enough is enough and that it's time to finally hang up my gloves" - **Another British retirement could be on the cards after injury forces David Haye out of his bout with compatriot Tyson Fury.**

"It is hard to give any credibility to the claims of a cyclist who appears to have misled the world for decades" - **The International Olympic Committee responds to claims from Lance Armstrong that former International Cycling Union president and current IOC member Hein Verbruggen was involved in a cover-up of a positive drugs test for the disgraced cyclist during the 1999 Tour de France. Verbruggen denied the claims.**



"Thank you very much for a fine win, you have made us proud as a nation. In my view you had more shots at goal and you could have scored more goals. You really deserve this victory. I am here to congratulate you because you have made the country proud" - **South Africa President Jacob Zuma congratulates the Bafana Bafana on their 1-0 friendly victory over Spain.**

"Our newspaper coverage will simply refer to 'a 27-year-old English medium pace bowler', and we will de-identify any images of him" - **The Brisbane Courier-Mail pledges not to use Stuart Broad's name in coverage of the first Ashes Test, in response to his failure to walk at Trent Bridge in the summer.**

"Stuart Broad has hit back at the boo boys in the best way possible, claiming a five-wicket haul to propel England into a strong position on day one of the first Ashes Test at the Gabba" - **the first paragraph of the day one report on the Courier-Mail's website, as the 'ban' proves short-lived.**

Sports Quiz

1. How many Test matches has Mitchell Johnson played for Australia?
2. Against which three Premier League clubs has Joe Hart kept a clean sheet this season?
3. How many times this season has Lotus driver Kimi Raikkonen finished on the podium?
4. Which Premiership club does Wales wing George Noth play for?
5. Heinz Field is home to which NFL team?
6. Real Madrid signed midfielder Sami Khedira from which club?
7. Which cricket side won the inaugural Indian Premier League title in 2008?
8. Which British team did Jonah Lomu play for?
9. Langtree Park is the home ground of which Super League side?
10. Name either one of the horses that Richard Dunwoody won the Grand National on.
11. Which player has made the most appearances in the Merseyside derby?
12. In which Paralympic event did Rachel Morris win a bronze medal at London 2012?
13. Who was boxer Naseem Hamed's final opponent?
14. Where will the 2017 World Swimming Championships be held?
15. Which team have won the Heineken Cup on most occasions?
16. Which county did Stuart Broad start out with?
17. How old is jockey Hayley Turner?
18. Which snooker player won the 1997 World Championship?
19. Who did Carl Froch beat to win his first world title?
20. How many grand slam titles has Serena Williams won?
21. Ronnie Jepson currently manages which Football League club?
22. Who beat Amir Khan to Olympic gold at the 2004 Athens Games?
23. Lock Steven Hall made two Test appearances for which country in 2002?
24. Poole Pirates, King's Lynn Stars and Belle Vue Aces compete in which sport?
25. In which city did Sachin Tendulkar make his Test debut for India in November 1989?

Answers: 1. 51; 2. Newcastle, Hull and Stoke; 3. Eight; 4. The Northampton Saints; 5. St. Paul's; 6. St. Paul's; 7. Rajasthan Royals; 8. Cardiff Blues; 9. St Helens; 10. Millwall; 11. Neil Sullivan; 12. Handcycling; 13. Manuel Calvo; 14. Guadalupe; 15. Toulouse; 16. Leicestershire; 17. 30; 18. Ken Doherty; 19. Jean Pascal; 20. 17; 21. Bury; 22. Mario Kindelan; 23. France; 24. Speedway; 25. Karachi, Pakistan.

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THE 32 qualifiers for next summer's World Cup are now known – and there promises to be more Saints players there than ever before.

Maya Yoshida, Dejan Lovren, Dani Osvaldo and Gaston Ramirez could all be playing on the biggest stage of all.

And they could yet be joined by St Mary's colleagues Adam Lallana and Rickie Lambert in Roy Hodgson's 23-man England squad.

Here, the *Sports Pink* takes a look at the 32 qualifiers

ALGERIA

Coach: Vahid Halilhodzic
Star man: Madjid Bougherra
Tournament best: Group stages 1986, 1992, 2010
Odds (Paddy Power): 2500-1

Scraped through qualifying on away goals against Burkina Faso, who have never made it to a World Cup, and are likely to struggle in Brazil having had a poor showing at the African Nations Cup.

ARGENTINA

Coach: Alejandro Sabella
Star man: Lionel Messi
Tournament best: Winners 1978, 1986
Odds (Paddy Power): 5-1

Barcelona superstar Messi will turn 27 during next summer's tournament and this looks his best chance to add major international glory to his glittering club successes. Plenty of other attacking options are also available to coach Sabella, but the defence might be a weak link against top-class opposition.

AUSTRALIA

Coach: None
Star man: Robbie Kruse
Tournament best: Last 16 2006
Odds (Paddy Power): 250-1

The Socceroos qualified from the Asian section but some terrible friendly results since, plus a failure to truly refresh an ageing squad, have cost coach Holger Osieck his job. Getting out of the group phase may be the best they can hope for.

BELGIUM

Coach: Marc Wilmots
Star man: Eden Hazard
Tournament best: Fourth 1986
Odds (Paddy Power): 14-1

Back at the finals over a decade since their last appearance, Wilmots presides over a highly capable generation of players who could go far in Brazil.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Coach: Safet Susic
Star man: Edin Dzeko
Tournament best: Never qualified



BRAZIL BOUND: Saints stars who could be in action at next summer's World Cup. Clockwise from this picture: Adam Lallana, Rickie Lambert, Maya Yoshida, Dejan Lovren and Dani Osvaldo.



Odds (Paddy Power): 80-1

BRAZIL

Coach: Luiz Felipe Scolari
Star man: Neymar
Tournament best: Winners 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002
Odds (Paddy Power): 10-3 favourites

Success at the Confederations Cup last summer has raised hopes of a record-extending sixth World Cup triumph on home soil next summer. Scolari has previous after tak-

ing them to victory in 2002, and if Barcelona forward Neymar shines then Brazil could be about to witness the mother of all parties.

CAMEROON

Coach: Jean-Paul Akono
Star man: Samuel Eto'o
Tournament best: Quarter-finals 1990
Odds (Paddy Power): 250-1

They may be a way off emulating

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the ground-breaking Cameroon side of 1990 – the image of Roger Milla shaking his hips by the corner flag after scoring will forever remain – but they are still a competitive force. Eto'o's best days are well behind him but he is still the figurehead for the side, for whom Stephane Mbia, Alex Song and Jean Makoun also play an important role.

CHILE

Coach: Jorge Sampaoli
Star man: Alexis Sanchez
Tournament best: Third 1962
Odds (Paddy Power): 50-1

Chile boast a good combination of experienced campaigners like Claudio Bravo, Pablo Contreras and Jorge Valdivia with exciting younger players including Barcelona forward Alexis Sanchez and Fiorentina's Matias Fernandez. Anyone who saw them win at Wembley last Friday will know

what they are capable of.

COLOMBIA

Coach: Jose Pekerman
Star man: Radamel Falcao
Tournament best: Last 16 1990
Odds (Paddy Power): 25-1

Qualified in relative comfort and playing the finals in South America should also be an advantage to Pekerman's side. In Falcao they have a born goalscorer, allied to the

creative talents of his Monaco team-mate James Rodriguez, and they will feel well capable of at least matching their best-ever World Cup performance.

COSTA RICA

Coach: Jorge Luis Pinto
Star man: Bryan Ruiz
Tournament best: Last 16 1990
Odds (Paddy Power): 500-1

Seized upon Mexico's struggles to follow the United States as the pace-setters in the CONCACAF section, but going any further than the group stage will be a lot to ask.

CROATIA

Coach: Niko Kovac
Star man: Mario Mandzukic
Tournament best: Third 1998
Odds (Paddy Power): 100-1

They may not be the class of '98 standard but there is enough quality within the squad with the talents of Bayern Munich's Mandzukic and Real Madrid's Luka Modric supplemented by the likes of Niko Kranjcar, Eduardo and Nikica Jelavic.

Saints star Dejan Lovren was a regular starter during the qualifying campaign, but was left on the bench for both legs of the play-off win over Iceland by new boss Nike Kovac.

ECUADOR

Coach: Reinaldo Rueda
Star man: Antonio Valencia
Tournament best: Last 16, 2006
Odds (Paddy Power): 100-1

Although Ecuador lost their final qualifier to Chile, they secured automatic qualification on goal difference alone ahead of Uruguay, who beat Argentina but must settle for a play-off place. Their recent successes have come on the back of the emergence of players like Valencia, Christian Noboa and Felipe Caicedo.

ENGLAND

Coach: Roy Hodgson
Star man: Wayne Rooney
Tournament best: Winners 1966
Odds (Paddy Power): 22-1

England are still looking for the magic formula which will get them past the quarter-final hurdle for only the second time since they lifted the trophy on home soil. Despite concerns raised about the quality of the current squad, they topped their group without losing a game and were among the top four highest scorers in the European qualifying zone.

FRANCE

Coach: Didier Deschamps
Star man: Franck Ribery
Tournament best: Winners 1998
Odds (Paddy Power): 25-1

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BOOK of the WEEK

Land of Second Chances: The Impossible Rise of Rwanda's Cycling Team
By Tim Lewis

Sports book of the month price:
£10.99 saving 35% on rrp

DID you hear the one about Jamaica's national bobsled team? Famous in the manner of Eddie the Eagle, the awesome foursome of Devon, Dudley, Nelson and Michael ploughed into a mountain of snow on borrowed sleds at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Canada, failed to officially finish and inspired the film Cool Runnings. Theirs was a triumph of hope over expectation, Walt Disney employing John Candy to play the coach for laughs. Equally, the three words Rwanda's Cycling Team might raise the odd guffaw from Tour de France fans, but Tim Lewis has constructed a serious story.

His meticulously researched work merits a wider audience than appealing to devotees of the biking fraternity – and will surely get one. Sports book award judges love nothing more than a good cycling tale and this one is a cracker, featuring three main protagonists.

Meet African cyclist Adrien Niyonshuti, a wide-eyed seven-year-old when his family suffers horribly at the hacking hands of Hutu death squads in 1994.

With Rwanda a byword for genocide, atrocity on a par with

Apocalypse Now gets an airing. The frightened boy grows up, however, destined to proudly carry his country's flag at the London 2012 opening ceremony at the head of a seven-strong team of Olympic competitors.

Meet handsome Californian money man Tom Ritchey, inventor of the mountain bike and a winner most of his life until his wife leaves him devastated by unaccountably walking out on him after 25 years of marriage.

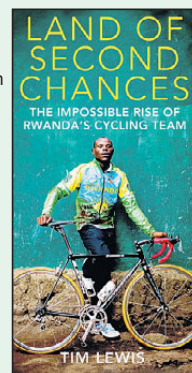
Meet American coach and convicted sex offender Jock Boyer, seeking redemption and drawn to the powers of endurance displayed by Rwandan cyclists.

Marvel at how the three men, victims of so much trauma (self-inflicted in Boyer's case) and all in need of 'Second Chances', forge a successful partnership – not to mention a viable national cycling team.

● We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month and have a copy of *Land of Second Chances* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (www.sports-bookofthemoth.com) and answer the following question:

Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France on how many consecutive occasions before being stripped of all titles in October 2012?



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Non-league News

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By George, what a win

KING George put their dismal league form to one side as they progressed to the third round of the Junior B Cup with a 3-0 victory over AFC Stoneham.

First-half goals from Paul Abrahams, Mark Phillips and Nathan Rose secured their place in the draw, writes Christian Brown.

A blistering second half performance from Riverside Athletic saw them power into the third round of the SFA Junior A Cup with a 7-0 victory at AFC Riverside.

After leading 1-0 at half-time, Athletic hit six in the second half. Ricky Everson took the plaudits with four goals, while Dan Bowden and Barry Rice (twice) notched the others.

Curbridge navigated their way past a resolute AFC Marchwood in the SFA Junior B Cup second round thanks to a brace from Liam Slade and Pete Jacobs' goal.

Opposition strikes from Dave Richards and Alex Cox had made the game interesting, but Curbridge ensured progression in the second half.

Durley can look forward to a 3rd round tie after seeing off Itchen Saints 2-1 at home.

Goals from Scott Kirkwood and George Slimm cancelled out Jack Garrett's strike for Itchen.

Goals from Callum Drummond and Mark Alpin saw Carnival progress 2-1 at Roll Call, despite Patrick Goode's strike in the second half.

Portswood blitz Wood

A RAMPANT AFC Portswood blitzed Boyatt Wood 5-1 at home to move into the third round of the DR Ryder Trophy.

Rob North, Nick Green, Andy Debnam and a brace from Eric Makate secured victory, with Warren Applegate getting a consolation for the visitors.

Chartwell Green came close to an embarrassment after nearly slipping up against their reserve side.

David Fielden had put the Reserves in front, and it was only with eight minutes left the first team got their act together, when Andy Higgins and Gary Klepp spared their blushes in a 2-1 victory.

FC Railway were on another planet after easily disposing of LH Galaxy 5-0. Aaron Sid-Ahmad and Dan Robertson both found the net twice for the visitors, with Adam George getting the other.

Hedge End Rangers swept Itchen Albion aside 4-1 in a convincing Charlie Godden Trophy first round victory.

Jordan Breen, Matthew Hayes and a double from Ryan Archer saw off hosts Albion, whose solitary goal came from Lee Wilkinson.

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Scraped through qualifying after coming from 2-0 down in the first play-off leg to beat Ukraine. In Ribery they possess a world-class wide man while the likes of Yohan Cabaye and Mathieu Valbuena offer additional quality in midfield. Will there be a place, though, for Saints' uncapped Morgan Schneiderlin if he continues his superb Premier League form?

GERMANY

Coach: Joachim Low
Star man: Bastian Schweinsteiger
Tournament best: Winners 1954, 1974, 1990 (all as West Germany)
Odds: 5-1

Arguably Europe's best hope of bringing the trophy back from South America. Low's side is littered with players steeped in top-level experience and this may be the time for Ozil, Muller, Schweinsteiger et al to make the final step at international level.

GHANA

Coach: Kwesi Appiah
Star man: Asamoah Gyan
Tournament best: Quarter-finals 2010
Odds: 125-1

Ghana have often been the standard-bearers for African football and their controversial heart-breaking last-eight exit on their home continent at the last World Cup prevented them making history. Captain Gyan provided most of the goals in qualifying but midfielder Michael Essien, despite his injury problems, remains a pivotal player while the likes of Kevin-Prince Boateng, Sulley Muntari and Andre Ayew provide considerable experience.

GREECE

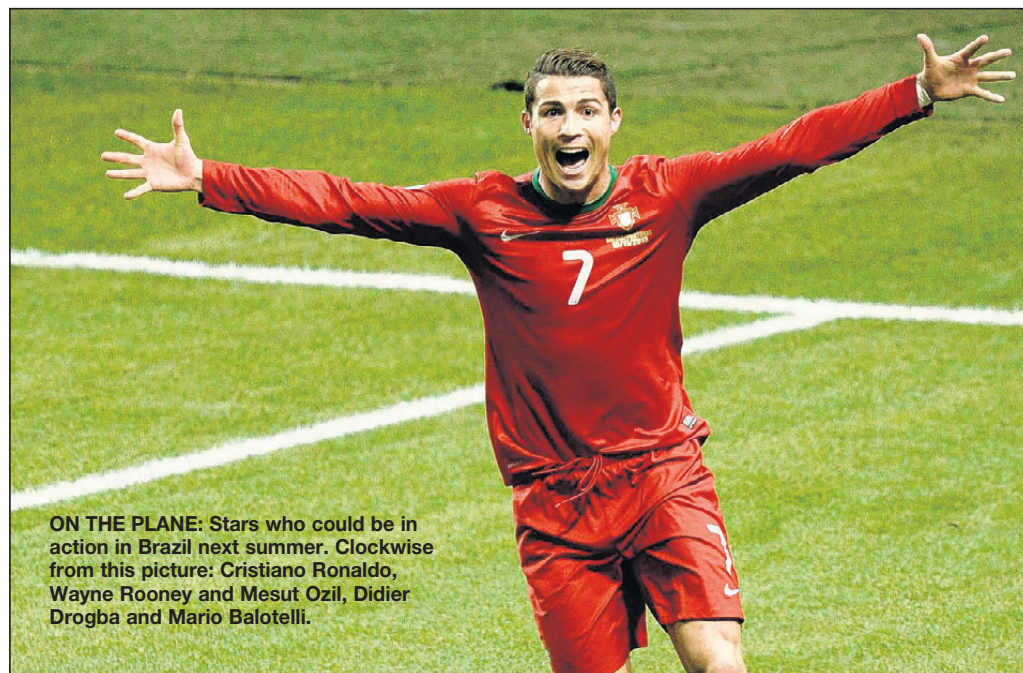
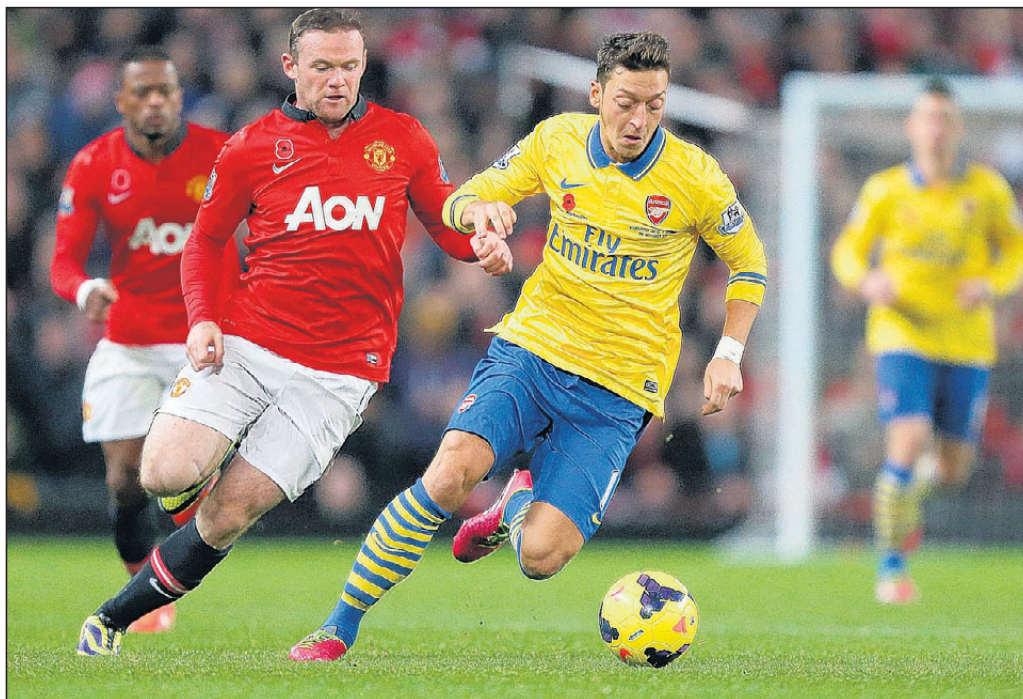
Coach: Fernando Santos
Star man: Georgios Samaras
Tournament best: Group stage 1994, 2010
Odds: 200-1

Goals have been a problem and so the pressure will be on the likes of Samaras and veteran Dimitris Salpingidis to deliver up front, particularly if Greece can keep things tight at the back as they have done throughout qualifying.

HOLLAND

Coach: Louis van Gaal
Star man: Robin van Persie
Tournament best: Runners-up 1974, 1978, 2010
Odds: 18-1

Van Gaal made amends for his failure to lead the Oranje to the 2002 tournament with an impressive qualification campaign, but memories are still fresh of their awful showing at Euro 2012. If the egos can be managed, they could go far,



ON THE PLANE: Stars who could be in action in Brazil next summer. Clockwise from this picture: Cristiano Ronaldo, Wayne Rooney and Mesut Ozil, Didier Drogba and Mario Balotelli.

although getting to the final again seems unlikely.

HONDURAS

Coach: Luis Fernando Suarez
Star man: Wilson Palacios
Tournament best: Group stages 1982, 2010
Odds: 500-1

Honduras have undergone several changes since South Africa, but pulled it all together in time to

enjoy a successful qualifying campaign, finally sealing their place with a 2-2 draw against Jamaica in the final match.

IRAN

Coach: Carlos Queiroz
Star man: Javad Nekounam
Tournament best: Group stage 1978, 1998, 2006
Odds: 500-1

Topped their qualification pool

ahead of South Korea and although the side contains players like Nekounam with European pedigree, it is difficult to see them progressing beyond the groups.

ITALY

Coach: Cesare Prandelli
Star man: Mario Balotelli
Tournament best: Winners 1934, 1938, 1982, 2006
Odds: 20-1

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BOYS IN BRAZIL?



Prandelli's team performed well in reaching the Euro 2012 final and would love nothing more than to equal Brazil's record of five World Cup successes on Brazilian soil. Saints striker Dani Osvaldo scored four goals in qualifying games, including two against Bulgaria in Sofia and another against Denmark in September.

IVORY COAST

Coach: Sabri Lamouchi

Star man: Yaya Toure
Tournament best: Group stage 2006, 2010
Odds: 100-1

The African nation possess plenty of goal threat from Didier Drogba, Salomon Kalou, Wilfried Bony and Yaya Toure but they have struggled to transfer that into success at major tournaments despite regularly being one of their continent's standard bearers.

JAPAN

Coach: Alberto Zaccheroni
Star man: Keisuke Honda
Tournament best: Last 16 2002, 2010
Odds: 100-1

With Saints defender Maya Yoshida a regular, they stormed to qualification in their pool and Zaccheroni has moulded them into a strong squad, but three defeats out of three at the Confederations Cup last summer leaves them open

to question about their top-level credentials.

MEXICO

Coach: Miguel Herrera
Star man: Javier Hernandez
Tournament best: Quarter-finals 1970, 1986
Odds: 100-1

They needed the intercontinental play-offs to qualify, but routed New Zealand 9-3 on aggregate once there. A blend of seasoned veterans and emerging stars - built around the focal point of Javier Hernandez - will make Mexico a dangerous proposition in Brazil.

NIGERIA

Coach: Stephen Keshi
Star man: Victor Moses
Tournament best: Last 16 1994, 1998
Odds: 200-1

African Player of the Year-nominated Moses may only be 22 but has quickly become a key player since making his debut in 2012. Goalkeeper and captain Vincent Enyeama provides stability from the back with Chelsea's Jon Obi Mikel their midfield enforcer.

PORTUGAL

Coach: Paulo Bento
Star man: Cristiano Ronaldo
Tournament best: Third 1966
Odds: 25-1

In Ronaldo Portugal possess a player worthy of gracing the game's biggest stage but therein lies their problem as they rely so heavily on the Real Madrid forward's unquestionable star quality. Frequently unstoppable but when the world's best defenders can isolate him he has few team-mates who can make the difference.

RUSSIA

Coach: Fabio Capello
Star man: Alexander Kokorin
Tournament best: Semi-final 1966
Odds: 40-1

Russia's recent World Cup record is a story of failure but Brazil offers them the chance to start redressing the balance. Having missed three of the last four tournaments and not progressed beyond the group stage since 1986 topping Group F ahead of Portugal suggests things may be about to improve with the promise offered by 22-year-old forward Alexander Kokorin backed by the experience of the likes of goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev and striker Alexander Kerzhakov.

SOUTH KOREA

Coach: Hong Myung-bo
Star man: Son Heung-min
Tournament best: Fourth 2002
Odds: 250-1

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Mason at the double

BRYON Mason's double in the 2-2 draw with Bridge AFC was enough to send City Central to the top of the Premier Division with a game in hand. Lee Osbourne had scored for the visitors, who received some fortune as tan own goal helped claim them a point.

AFC Horns moved to the top of the Senior Division after demolishing Bush Hill & Newton Heath 1977 7-1.

Liam Wing, Joe Walsh and Dan Smith all got braces, while Jake Biffin got the other goal. Wade Wilson scored for 1977.

Lee Ryves' strike for Obelisk was enough to secure a 1-0 victory over HSC Southern Stars, while also closing the gap on Junior Division 1 leaders Glen to two points.

A Ben Johnson hat-trick set Lokomotiv Eastleigh on their way to a 7-2 victory over Athletico Tin Hut in Junior Division 2.

Matt Henriët, an own goal and Sam Jordan's double sealed the rout, while Tommy Brown got a brace for the visitors.

Fleming Sports remain rooted to the bottom of the league table after a 5-0 reverse against RS Ocean Village.

Akbar Shah hit a hat-trick, with Louis Cassim and Stuart Ward scoring the other two.

Landguard Rovers defeated AFC Bishopstoke 6-2 to extend their lead at the top of Junior Division 3 to seven points.

Josh Tear, Andy Mantle, Steve Simms, Andreas Neoclous and a set piece double from Nick Skolsky put the game beyond doubt, with Ryan Young and Peter Sherlock scoring for Bishopstoke.

Bridge AFC Reserves and Royale Marine drew 1-1, Joe Flood salvaged his team after Charlie Dear had put visitors Marine ahead.

AFC Gulf Western moved level on points at the summit of Division 4 after an 8-3 win at Shelfside. Keith Bailey's hat-trick, Lee Fuller's brace, Emmett Madden's goal straight from a corner and Simon Maybe scored for the visitors, while Wayne Atkin and two from Nathan Gray put Shelfside on the score sheet.

Dan Brunnen, Dan Cummins and Adam Lever gave Eastpoint their first win of the season, 3-1 at Sheffield English Reserves (Ashley Sheath).

The quest for Burrigge's first league win continues after they drew 3-3 with Portside in Junior Division 5.

Richard Becheley, Carlos Dorado and Karl Atkin all scored for Burrigge, with Luke Chalmers and Dave Fitzpatrick (2) netting for Portside.

Test Valley Spartans enjoyed 4-0 home rule over Cherbourg with goals from Dan Grove (2), Lawrence Dyer and Harvey Dearlove. David Woods scored a hat-trick as Athletico Totton defeated AFC Phoenix 4-3. Mike Phillips got the hosts' other goal, while Mike Knott and Nick Cunningham (2) replied for Phoenix in the Junior Division 6 contest.

In Junior Division 7, Bitterne Ducks tasted defeat for the first time this season, losing 4-2 at Fawley RBL.

Matt Swartz-Mabey scored two with James Willis and Ryan Harvey getting the others, while both of the Ducks' goals came from Chris Pye.

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SPAIN

Coach: Vicente del Bosque

Star man: Andres Iniesta

Tournament best: Winners 2010
Having enjoyed the best spell in their country's history there is a sense that Spain are not as strong as they once were as their golden generation loses some of its lustre. However, that does not mean the depth of their talent should be under-estimated as the likes of Roberto Soldado, Alvaro Negredo, Jesus Navas and Michu have added new impetus while the quality of Andres Iniesta, David Silva and Xavi remains.

SWITZERLAND

Coach: Ottmar Hitzfeld

Star man: Xherdan Shaqiri

Tournament best: Quarter-finals 1934, 1938, 1954

Hitzfeld will be among the most experienced coaches among the 32 finalists, and he oversees a group featuring several star names from the German Bundesliga. A new generation which has impressed at underage tournaments in recent years – spearheaded by Bayern Munich's Shaqiri – are now poised to strut their stuff at senior level.

UNITED STATES

Coach: Jurgen Klinsmann

Star man: Clint Dempsey

Tournament best: Third 1930
Klinsmann struggled initially to make his mark but his team ultimately qualified with comparative comfort. Reaching the quarter-finals looks like a realistic goal.

Saints v Pompey cup clash at SMS

SAINTS will host Pompey in the FA Youth Cup next month.

The two under-18 sides will meet in a third round tie at St Mary's after Pompey defeated Barton Rovers 1-0 earlier this week.

Saints reached the FA Youth Cup final for the only time in the club's history in 2005/06, losing to Ipswich Town in a two-legged final.

The Saints team contained four teenagers who have since gone on to star in the Premier League – Theo Walcott, Adam Lallana (pictured), Gareth Bale and Nathan Dyer.

Chelsea are the cup holders, having beaten Norwich in last season's final.

In goal for the losers was Will Britt, who was on loan to the Canaries from Saints.

The one-time Pompey youngster signed a professional contract at St Mary's in the summer.

Saints Under-21s, meanwhile, face Exeter City in the Under-21 Premier League Cup next Wednesday at St James' Park.



SAINTS' FINEST: Ted Bates conducts the opening ceremony at the first game at St Mary's.

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SPORTS REPORTER



It is now less than a week before the most in-depth publication on Saints' history hits the shelves.

All the Saints is the latest effort from Hagiology Publishing, profiling every one of the thousand-plus players to have featured for the club, from its formation through to the modern day.

It is a book that is as fascinating as it is remarkable, representing the culmination of decades of intense and diligent research from authors Gary Chalk, Duncan Holley and David Bull.

From the most famous names in Saints history to the most obscure and fleeting characters to have worn the club's shirt, there are gems of information to be uncovered in each profile.

Honorary Saints president Terry Paine has penned the foreword for the book, which has been produced in association with the club and the Daily Echo.

In the run-up to the book's publication, the Daily Echo will be printing excerpts from some of the profiles, starting with a small selection here in

The Pink.

To coincide with today's trip to Arsenal, they include parts of the Danny and Rod Wallace entries, with both players having been part of the club's last win at the Gunners – Rod, in fact, scored the only goal of the game in the November 1987 contest at Highbury.

● All the Saints is published on Thursday, November 28.

A 532-page book in full colour, it will be available, at £35, from nine Waterstone's branches in the area, though not in the Saints Stores.

You can also buy direct at hagiologists.com

The launch event on November 29 has now sold out, but two signing sessions have been arranged:

Thursday December 5, Waterstone's, Above Bar, Southampton (7pm) - An Evening with Mick Channon.

Friday December 13, Waterstone's, West Quay, Southampton (midday) - Matt Le Tissier signing.

Details of further signings in nearby Waterstone's branches by members of the 1976 FA Cup-winning side are expected soon. Watch this space for updated details.



TED BATES

Were he still with us, the great man, pictured left, would no doubt have been experiencing a few late nights right now, as a keen observer of events Down Under in the latest Ashes series.

Bates' links to cricket, and his family connection to the Ashes, is documented in a short piece in All the Saints.

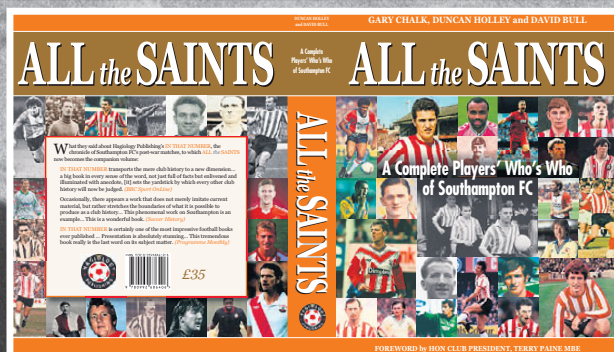
Ted Bates believed he could have been a professional cricketer, had his father – forever away from home playing county cricket – been available to nurture his talent.

W.E. ("Eddie") Bates, who had joined Glamorgan in 1914, after failing to make the grade at his native Yorkshire, had also been a centre-forward with Bolton Wanderers in Division I and mainly a full-back with Leeds City in Division II.

Eddie's father, "Billy" Bates, had been a considerable all-rounder with Yorkshire and a record-breaker on England's 1882-83 tour of Australia, when his half-century and 14 wickets in Melbourne included the first Test hat-trick by an Englishman. Which is why that Test became known as "Billy Bates's Match" and why his name is prominent on the Ashes urn.

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Saints Spotlight



SAINTS' FINEST: Rod Wallace scores in Saints' last win at today's opponents Arsenal and, inset, the cover of *All the Saints*.

DANNY WALLACE

The Saints' youth development officer, Bob Higgins, spotted "Danny" Wallace as a schoolboy in South London and borrowed registration forms from a friend at Millwall, in order to capture his discovery, as a matter of urgency.

At 16 years 314 days, Danny became the club's youngest-ever debutant, although this record has since been overtaken.

A combination of youthful exuberance and a debut at Old Trafford might explain why, in a televised post-match interview, he referred to his manager as "Lawrie", before quickly changing it to "gaffer".

His personal highlights with Southampton include being First Division runners-up to Liverpool in 1983-84 – although he still feels the Saints deserved to be champions – and making club history in October 1988, when his twin brothers and he played together v Sheffield Wednesday at The Dell.

It was the first time that three brothers had appeared in any top-flight



encounter since 1919-20. Worsening injuries and other symptoms forced him to retire in 1995. When he was eventually diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1997, he was "relieved to know it wasn't my fault." He needed time to come to terms with MS but has "grown to accept it" as a condition that you learn to live with.

He pays tribute to one of his oldest friends – George Lawrence – for helping to organise his emotional testimonial at St Mary's in 2004. In 2006, another friend, the former boxer Michael Watson, presented him with his medal for the "hardest thing" he has ever done: completing the London Marathon in just over five days. Living in Manchester with his wife Jenny and their children, Danny has continued to raise funds for the Danny Wallace Foundation and the MS Society.

The last word should go to McMenemy, whose description of Wallace, the footballer, could have been of Wallace, the man. "He has got guts," Lawrie said. "When things don't go right for him, he doesn't drop his head and hide."

ROD WALLACE

In April 1984, as auto-graph-hunters and other hangers-on waited in the Dell car-park after the Saints' 8-2 win v Coventry a pair of 14 year-old twins let everybody know that they were waiting for their big brother, Danny, to emerge with the match-ball.

Who would have dared to think that these two nippers would go on to play for the Saints, even in the same team as the hat-trick hero himself, let alone that one of them – Rodney – would be judged by some to be even better than Danny and that Manchester United had bought the wrong Wallace?

Relying less on sheer pace than Danny – though he could certainly motor – Rodney was a good crosser, who linked up intelligently with other forwards, notably Matthew Le Tissier.

The 4-1 win v Liverpool was the highlight for that system, with Rodney and

Matt each crossing for the other to score. Matt includes Rodney's goal in his top assists, along with another that Rodney scored at Charlton, later in that 1989-90 season.

Rodney has repeatedly referred to the Liverpool game as his best, but it was an outstanding goal-scoring season – 18 times in 35 League starts – for a player who lined-up wide.

Although Danny's departure early in that season had created the opportunity for Nicholl's unorthodox formation, in which Rodney became a prominent scorer, the way the transfer was handled was among the issues that unsettled Rodney, who made a series of unsuccessful transfer requests.

Eventually, when his contract ran out, he left, along with brother Ray, to join Leeds for a tribunal-fixed fee of £1.6m – the highest arbitration up to that date, but still a bargain for Leeds.

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE

Home sick ...

THERE were very few home comforts in the under18 section during the latest round of matches, **writes ALAN JOHNS.**

Warsash Wasps knocked hosts Littleton Juniors out of the Hampshire Cup, winning 4-1 at the fourth-round stage, and Sholing were 5-1 winners at Whitchurch United.

In league action, Botley Village Barracudas won 6-4 at BTC Soton in Division 1 but one team who made no mistake on home turf was Sway who beat Romsey Town Yellow 6-0.

A hat-trick from Tom Dymond early in the second half enabled Sway to post a convincing win after an even first half at a well-attended Jubilee Field.

Matt Hillyar, Aidan Lacy and Dan Bridle were also on target for the winners.

In Division 2, Wyvern Wanderers brought back the points from their trip to AFC Stoneham with a 5-0 win and Colden Common Rangers were 2-1 victors at Wyvern Dragons.

Romsey Town Panthers were single-goal winners in their match with visiting side Netley Royals White.

The home sides did rather better in Division 3; all four gained maximum points from their games.

Hedge End Rangers were 8-0 winners against Alresford Town, St Francis Knights beat Wyvern Saints 7-0 and there were 3-0 wins for Netley Royals Blue against Romsey Town Cougars and Winsor United over Hythe and Dibden.

Purple patch

IN THE under-16 age group, there were home wins for all the teams featuring our sides in the Hampshire Cup third round, unfortunately it meant that only three of the league's five teams progressed.

In the all-CSYL tie, AFC Stoneham Purple disposed of Bitterne 3-2, Colden Common Sports beat Oakfield Youth Royals 7-1, Hythe and Dibden knocked out Boscombe Albion 2-1 but it was the end of the road for Raiders, losing 3-1 at Gosport. In the delayed first round match, Southside lost 2-1 at home to Eastleigh Blues.

In what was arguably the big game of the day in Division 1, AFC Totton claimed the bragging rights by beating rivals Eastleigh Whites 2-1. Eastleigh Blues fared better, though, winning 5-2 at home to Winchester Castle.

Both Division 2 games saw the visitors claim maximum points, with Warsash Wasps winners by the only goal of the game at Bitterne Reds and Hedge End Rangers defeating Romsey Town Yellow 2-0.

More teams unable to make home advantage deliver a win were those in Division 3, Hamble United did best, recording a 3-3 draw against visiting BTC (Soton), but Romsey Town Blue went down 6-1 to Totton & Eling and Alresford Town won 3-2 at Sky Blues.

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Non-league Football

Non-league News

Cuffie wary of transfer plottings

CHRISTCHURCH boss Mick Cuffie says he has "no idea" whether his Hurn Bridge predecessor and newly-appointed Hamworthy United boss Graham Kemp has a raid planned on his squad.

Kemp, who vacated the Hurn Bridge hot-seat after six years over the summer, took four Priory players – Ben Osborne, Russell Cook, Danny Thompson and Karl Yelland – with him to Winchester City before his short stay ended last month.

Now Cuffie, pictured, must wait and see if Kemp will come back for any more of his ex-Priory charges when he officially takes over at Dorset rivals Hamworthy on Monday.

Cuffie said: "A lot has been floating about since Graham got the job and you can never rule out anything."

"I have no idea whether he will look to sign anyone from Christchurch, but I haven't heard of anyone planning to leave yet. "It wouldn't surprise me if he wanted to approach players because managers often go for what they are comfortable with and what they know."



"There isn't much we can do about it other than deal with approaches if they come in."

Striker Osborne had already signed for Hamworthy prior to outgoing manager Simon Browne losing his job and both Cook and Yelland are expected to link up again with Kemp after following him out of the Winchester door.

Goalkeeper Stewart Kearn, who had a brief spell with Winchester after quitting as co-boss of Southern Premier outfit Bashley, is also heading to the County Ground as Kemp's No.2.

Despite winning four of their first six Sydenhams Premier games and dumping higher league Wimborne Town out of the FA Cup, the Hammers' form has nose-dived of late.

But Kemp – who will take charge for the first time against another of his former clubs Brockenhurst next Saturday (November 30) – believes that matching the ambition of Hamworthy chairman Steve Harvey is "definitely achievable".

"The club wants to progress and so do I," he said. "Everything we do now will be geared towards looking for a massive improvement next season."

"The Southern League is a target and definitely achievable. I would not have taken over if they had just wanted to finish mid-table in the Wessex League."

"But we know how difficult it is because, as long as (title favourites) Sholing are around, everybody else is playing for second."

DEAN Beckwith is well versed with what is required to achieve promotion.

He was an essential cog in the Hereford United team which, within the space of three years between 2005 and 2008, leapt from the Conference Premier into League One, writes PAUL MCNAMARA.

Conversely, during 11 months in an Eastleigh shirt when he has become extremely familiar with the winning feeling, the central-defender's one major low in that time administered a stark reminder of how tough a challenge his side face in attempting to fight their way out of an acutely competitive Conference South league.

Beckwith's plugging of what was a porous Spitfires back-four contributed enormously to last term's second-half resurgence that eventually earned Richard Hill's team a play-off spot.

When the promotion dream was ended in the semi-final tie at Dover, the man signed four months previously from Luton Town was one of two Eastleigh players to have their penalty saved in the deciding shoot-out.

As Beckwith readily confirmed, it was a tough blow to absorb.

"The day itself was devastating," he recalled.

"Everything we'd achieved since January to get that far, then to miss out on penalties was shattering."

"It was especially difficult because there wasn't another game coming up to get it out of your system."

"You had to wait until the start of pre-season to play again."

"Once you go away, you can't get over it until you start again the season after."

"I did think about it during the summer, but not every day!"

"As the days go on you begin to think about other things. The best thing to do is just get it out of your system and go again."

There was certainly no blame ascribed to the 30-year-old defender, described by Hill as 'this club's best ever signing', by any of his supporters or colleagues.

All are mighty grateful to have Beckwith's assured and authoritative presence in their ranks.

The effort expended to lure the player to the Silverlake epitomises the collective spirit that exists at Eastleigh.

The art of persuasion was particularly crucial in Beckwith's case, being as a background check on his prospective new employers included watching the miserable defeat at Bromley on January 5 that left the Spitfires 21st in the table.

Three days on, and Beckwith instantly went about demonstrating exactly why his was such a sought after acquisition – making a goal-scoring debut in a 5-0 rout of Billericay Town.

"I wanted to do a bit of research," he explained.

"I had a few other offers in the



ON THE SPOT: Dean Beckwith takes a penalty in last season's play-off semi-final.



HEADS UP: Dean Beckwith heads wide against Sutton.

pipeline so it made sense to come down and have a look.

"Obviously, that game (at Bromley) we ended up losing 3-1."

"The position at the club was in at the time wasn't too good, but speaking to the gaffer he said that with the ideas he had, the players we had, and others who he wanted to bring in, the club was in a false position."

"It was a tough decision and I was close to going another way."

"I had a few options to stay in the league above."

"But, having discussed

things with the manager, I spoke to the chairman as well.

"That was a big plus for me – speaking to the top man at the club."

"He was saying how much he wanted me to come to Eastleigh."

"That was a major turning point for me really."

"I knew how much the gaffer wanted me here, but speaking to Stewart (Donald), he sealed the deal."

"It's not often you get chairmen ringing players up – I've certainly never had it in my career – saying that they want you. Normally it stops with the manager."

"I spoke to Macca (Craig McAllister, former Luton colleague) as well, and he said that it's a

bit of a sleeping giant down here.

"I'm pleased I made the decision now, because the way things went last season we were very unlucky not to make the play-off final."

"This year we've had a decent start, but we've got the potential to do so much more."

It is that potential that has led to spiralling expectations among Spitfires supporters, and consequently resulted in a few dissenting voices when the team fall below the high standards demanded of them.

Beckwith insists the ability to deal with any grumbling on the terraces is simply a part of the job.

"You just accept it. I came to Eastleigh from Luton Town where the fan base is intense and on top of you all the time, and if you weren't performing you'd really get it," he said.

"There were a few occasions on which we'd completely outplayed teams but come off at half-time 0-0 and been booed off."

"Nearly everybody in our dressing room has played at a higher level so we're all used to it."



CRAIG MCALLISTER

Non-league Football

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Non-league News



"Criticism from fans goes on at all levels of football. Fans pay their money to come and watch us. 'Sometimes you disagree with what they're saying, but as professional players you have to get on with it."

"Expectations are high because of the players we've brought in."

"If we're not performing the fans let us know, but we all know when we could be doing better anyway."

"We all want to be playing to a consistently high standard, and if we're not then we feel that keenly ourselves."

There is, though, a genuine appreciation of the supporter loyalty that is a feature of the club, and acknowledgement of the effect that a positive backing has.

"It helps tremendously. Once you've got the fans behind you and you're doing well, the players are together and everyone is pushing in the same direction," he said.

"There's no negativity around the place."

"It makes such a difference on a Saturday because once the fans

get going, especially the fans here, they really do get going."

"They're loud, they travel in numbers. It's 100 per cent better when you've got the fans behind you."

The frenzy of excitement and anticipation among the Spitfires faithful was hoisted several notches by the summer arrival of a sprinkling of renowned lower league talents including Stuart Fleetwood, Jamie Collins, and Yemi Odubade.

The men already on the playing staff were no less thrilled to be joined by such high class individuals.

"100 per cent. Definitely. It just goes back to what the gaffer said to me in January," Beckwith remarked.

"If you can attract players like that, the club is clearly going in

the right direction.

"It gives me confidence that I made the right decision to sign here. When players like that are coming in that have played at higher levels it is a major boost."

Even among his teammates, Beckwith has arguably been Eastleigh's standout performer this season to date.

That claim is backed up by the side's goals against column, which stands at a meagre nine in 13 games played.

Not that the man himself agrees with the widespread opinion regarding his excellent form.

"I need to get to a higher level. I don't think I'm playing as well as I can at the minute," he confessed.

"I don't know why really, but I'll keep plugging away, keep trying hard, and as the season goes on I'll

reach a level that I'm happy and comfortable with.

"A few mistakes have crept in lately, that six or seven months ago I wasn't making."

"I'll keep working to put that right. I thought I did all right last season at Eastleigh, but I don't think I've reached that standard yet this time out."

Beckwith's exacting personal standards are plainly evident in his off-field approach to preparation.

When we talk it is half-an-hour since another training session has been completed with the same intensity and drive that the former Gillingham player takes into match day combat.

He has eschewed, as always, the players' lunch fare on offer in favour of his protein and vitamin filled meal replacement shake.

Asked if his footballing development can be partially attributed to any of the coaches or managers he has encountered throughout his decade as a professional, Beckwith namechecks Graham Turner and John Trewick, both of whom he worked under at Hereford.

The erstwhile Northampton Town duo, ex-Saints boss Stuart Gray - 'a very good coach' - and Ian Sampson also warrant a mention.

Typically, however, it is to the very height of the game that Beckwith looks for inspiration.

"I look at Premier League players because they're at the top of their game. I take bits from them," he explained.

"The most important thing in this league is concentration."

"You never get an easy game, especially this year with us being at the top of the table."

"You find that teams raise their game against you. You've got to be prepared to battle for 60 or 70 minutes then hopefully, as has been the case a few times, our quality and experience has shown through towards the end of games."

Discussing what lies ahead for Eastleigh, Beckwith's own experience radiates from every word.

"If you're in the play-offs it's a lottery. We found that out to our cost last year, so the main target is to win the league."

"We'll worry about next season when it happens. At the minute, though, we can't think too far ahead. It's so tight. There's a long, long way to go."

"It's an old cliché, but it's true, the next game is the most important."

"You can't afford to look three of four months down the line, because that's when you take your eye off the ball."

"That is how players work. You just have to win the next game."

"If, in the new year, we can be up at the top and we've got a good momentum going then we'll be in with a real shout."

He has run this course before and, for now, Dean Beckwith is content to keep chalking up the clean sheets and leave any shouting to others.

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Busy time for the cup specialists

CUP specialists Alresford Town are facing a minimum of nine matches in the countdown to Christmas.

Not only do the high-flying Magpies have five Sydenhams Premier games lined up in the coming month, starting at home to Folland Sports today, but they are still involved in FIVE cup competitions.

They host Cove in the Aldershot Senior Cup this Tuesday (November 26) before travelling to AFC Portchester to continue their defence of the Hampshire FA Senior Cup on December 3.

Four days later (December 7) the Magpies must wing their way all the way to Cornwall to face Saltash United in the last 64 of the FA Vase and then they face a North Hants Senior Cup semi-final against Tadley Calvea on Tuesday, December 17.

Joint managers Tim Cole and Danny Robinson have already safely steered the holders through to the semi-finals of the Sydenhams League Cup where a trip to either Sholing or Bemerton Heath Harlequins beckons in the New Year.

The other semi-final pits Moneyfields or Petersfield Town at home to the winners of the Whitchurch United versus Newport IOW tie.

A 300-mile round trip to South West Peninsula League Premier Division outfit Saltash wouldn't be too many people's idea of a pre-Christmas treat, but Robinson, pictured above, is looking forward to it.

"It's an exciting draw for us. 'We wanted to stay away from Blackfield, Sholing, etc - and we certainly have!'" he smiled.

"They won't know too much about us and we won't know a great deal about them. But we want to test ourselves against sides from different leagues and travelling round is all part of the enjoyment of the Vase."

Although Alresford remain firmly in the race for the Sydenhams title, their recent 2-1 defeat at Horndean suggests they have a long way to go to strip unbeaten Sholing of the favourites' tag.

But, as they proved last season with a sparkling hat-trick of triumphs in the Hampshire FA Senior, North Hants Senior and Sydenhams League Cups, the Magpies are a force to be reckoned with in knockout combat.

"I lambasted the side after the Horndean defeat and said we weren't good enough to win the league," admitted Robinson.

"That's four league defeats now and I can't imagine Sholing losing that many."

"We're not giving up on the league by any stretch of the imagination, but the Vase has taken on extra importance for us."



"The main target for all of us at Eastleigh is to win the league."

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Non-league Action

Eastleigh's display was 'unacceptable'

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

ANGRY boss Richard Hill branded Eastleigh's performance "unacceptable" as his league leaders stumbled to a shock 2-1 league defeat against lowly Tonbridge Angels at the Silverlake Stadium this afternoon.

Incredibly Tonbridge – third to bottom of the Skrill Conference South – played 88 minutes with ten men but still managed to inflict the Spitfires' first home league defeat of the season.

Spitfires boss Richard Hill brought fit-again forward Stuart Fleetwood back into the starting line up, while Michael Green – the supporters' player of the month for October – was named on the bench, making way for his ex-Christchurch team mate Chris Dillon.

Tonbridge included three ex-Eastleigh players – Phil Appiah, skipper Gary Elthick and Chris Piper.

The game began in dramatic style with Eastleigh having a Craig McAllister 'goal' ruled out from their first attack before Tonbridge were sensationally reduced to ten men with just over two minutes gone.

David Ijaha was the surprise culprit, sent off for a retaliatory push on Glen Southam inside the centre circle.

That unexpected development seemed to adversely affect Eastleigh, who lost their way after such a purposeful start.

Their next attack of note took until the 12th minute arriving when Dillon did well to keep the ball in play on the left and pass inside to Fleetwood, who dribbled his way towards the centre circle before forcing keeper Lewis Carey to save low to his left.

McAllister then ventured across from the right but could only tamely roll the ball straight at Carey at his near post.

Although Eastleigh were seeing plenty of the ball, they looked strangely subdued in the final third with Jai Reason hooking the ball straight at Carey from Dan Spence's cross and then skipper Southam lashing a 20 yarder well over from Reason's outswinging corner.

Reason then had a shot deflected out for another corner after taking a return pass from Jamie Collins



ON THE BALL: Glenn Southam carries the ball in Eastleigh's clash with Tonbridge Angels.

inside the area, but the Spitfires were made to pay for their lack-lustre start as the ten man Angel seized a shock 23rd minute lead.

Nathan Green sent the ball to on-loan Brighton forward Shamir Goodwin inside the box and his thumping shot took a wicked deflection past wrong-footed goalkeeper Ross Flitney.

Reason – Eastleigh's brightest attacking spark – headed wide from Southam's pull back before Carey was forced into his first big save on 29 minutes.

Reason's corner was met with a firm goalbound header by Ben Strevens but the ex-Bristol City keeper tipped it over.

Tonbridge were briefly down to nine men when Ryan Watts went off for treatment and, with the No 7 unable to continue, substitute Luke Blewden came on with the 40 minute mark approaching.

With two minutes of added time indicated, McAllister's downward header from Chris Todd's cross

bounced wide of Carey's right hand post.

Hill responded by making two substitutions for the second half, withdrawing Dillon and Southam and putting on Michael Green and Damian Batt.

Batt swung in an inviting cross which McAllister was frustrated not to get to.

Carey then made two excellent stops in quick succession to deny Strevens and Fleetwood as Eastleigh bombarded the Angels area.

With Tonbridge now pinned inside their own half, Strevens hit a hopeful shot from 25 yards but, again, Carey was solidly behind it.

The keeper, making his league debut for the visitors, then did superbly well again to get both hands to Reason's free kick as it curled towards his top right hand corner.

The expected equaliser finally arrived on 58 minutes thanks to a neat build up inside the left of the area. Reason and Fleetwood master-

mind the move for Jamie Collins to bury from close range.

But just when it looked as if the Spitfires were in total control, the impressive Goodwin gave a reminder of his talent, working his way across the Eastleigh area and finding space to curl a shot narrowly wide.

Green had a shot charged down and Reason chipped one just over as Eastleigh came again.

Then, on 67 minutes Spence and Batt combined cleverly down the right – Spence regaining possession on the overlap and forcing Carey to punch his shot behind at the near post.

Collins got his head to Reason's corner but it was an easy claim for Carey.

Both sides made substitutions on 75 minutes – Angels introducing Mark Lovell for Appiah and, for Eastleigh, Will Evans replacing goalscorer Collins.

To their credit, the visitors kept battling and Eastleigh had to be on

their guard to deal with Blewden's long throw after sub Evans had stumbled over in the area.

After a couple of free kicks had controversially been awarded against tenacious target man McAllister, Eastleigh finally got one in their favour for a shove on Fleetwood.

Michael Green struck it on target but it was well watched by Carey who pushed it clear.

There was a nasty sting in the tail for Eastleigh on 87 minutes when Chris Todd was penalised for a foul on Goodwin just outside the left of the area.

Lee Browning delivered the free kick, Goodwin kept the ball alive on the byline beyond the back post and squared it back for Sonny Miles to scramble home a shock winner for the visitors.

Suddenly it was panic stations for Eastleigh, but even four minutes of stoppage time could not prevent them falling to their first home league defeat on the season.

Non-league Football

Non-league News

England joy for trio of City stars

It was a pinnacle moment in the careers of three Salisbury City stars on Tuesday as they made their Three Lions debut.

Angus MacDonald, Elliott Frear and Dan Fitchett represented Paul Fairclough's England C team in an international friendly against Czech Republic Under-21s, writes Joel Holt.

And the trio, pictured below, each played an influential role in England's late comeback against the ten-man visitors as the game ended 2-2 at Woking's Kingfield Stadium.

The Czech Republic, leading 2-0, played the vast majority of the second half with ten men, losing Adam Janos for his late challenge on MacDonald.

England profited from the man advantage when Whites' electric winger Frear produced a scorching delivery for Welling's Fraser Franks to nod home with five minutes remaining.

Then substitute Fitchett, who has terrorised many a Skril Premier defender with his pace and trickery this season, spun away from his marker and was brought down



inside the area for a stoppage-time penalty.

Forest Green Rovers' James Norwood kept his nerve to smash home and earn his country a share of the spoils.

Watching Salisbury boss Mikey Harris described having three players in the England line-up as a "massive achievement."

"It was a proud moment watching the lads represent their country against high-quality opposition and all of them played a significant part," he beamed.

"It's recognition for the whole squad and the team deserve a lot of credit."

The three became the first Salisbury players to pick up an England cap since striking legend Matt Tubbs.

Former Exeter City man Frear said: "It was a great honour to play for my country wearing the number 11 shirt. The lads were all different class. It's certainly been a new experience playing for England and one I've really enjoyed."

"I've played a lot of games this season already for my club and that's what I wanted to do coming here. I'm really enjoying my football and I want to keep on pushing forward."

STEWART Donald is fast approaching the second anniversary of his all-consuming involvement with Eastleigh FC.

The on-going progress that has been achieved in that period is evident to anybody who has witnessed developments at the Silverlake Stadium since Donald arrived, writes **PAUL McNAMARA.**

In November 2011, the Spitfires were in the midst of a cost cutting operation which had seen the departure of a number of key players, and a gutsy but predominantly inexperienced side was languishing in the wrong half of the Conference South table.

Fast forward to today and the picture is very different.

An Eastleigh team that is blessed with a playing staff which is the envy of their league rivals and, one would imagine, a fair number of clubs operating further up the ladder, sit proudly at the top of the table going into this weekend's match.

The club's support is wholly appreciative of a man whose personal commitment and financial backing has made possible the seismic transformation to their fortunes.

Most, however, will be entirely unaware of how lucky they are that Donald came to take control of the Spitfires – for his original intention when he decided to increase his football involvement was rather more modest than what actually transpired.

Moreover, everybody who holds the prosperity of Eastleigh FC close to their heart owes a small debt of gratitude to one of the finest footballers this country has ever produced.

Namely, Glenn Hoddle – the man whose recent appointment to FA chairman Greg Dyke's England commission received widespread acclaim.

Donald recalls the day when the initial step was taken towards his and the Spitfires' existence becoming intertwined.

"I was sat at home when I received a phone call, and was asked if I could make a meeting the following day with Glenn Hoddle," he recalled.

"If you are a football fan and you have a chance to meet Glenn Hoddle, you don't say no."

"I had no idea at that time why he wanted to meet."

"We had a chat for a couple of hours and he had heard that I was about to make an offer for a football league club."

"Glenn wondered if there was potential to get involved."

"I made it clear at that stage that there was no likelihood of a deal, but I would be interested in exploring other football clubs if he thought he would like to work together on a project."

"We could not find anything suitable, but Eastleigh FC had got a mention in passing as a potential target."

"Knowing the area, and having a business in the town (Bridle Insurance), I met three of the then current shareholders of the club with a view to giving the club a little sponsorship money."

"However, on meeting them, it was apparent from Paul Murray (then Spitfires chairman) that they would like to take more of a backseat."

"And having enjoyed being the main sponsor at Oxford United, and thoroughly enjoyed the contact I had with the then chairman, Kelvin

Thomas, and manager, Chris Wilder, I thought "why not have a go?"

The Bridle takeover was confirmed in February of the following year, but in the meantime Donald had, by providing his manager Ian Baird with notable backing in the transfer market, declared a conspicuous intention

to change his new club's ethos into one where progression up the pyramid was a priority.

Dave Malone, Eastleigh's erstwhile managing director, who was an active participant in the club's change of hands before standing down in the wake of the deal's completion, stated at the time of the deal that Bridle had a five-year plan to 'get the ground up to League standard, and us into the Football League'.

It is not a statement that Donald recalls ever making, but it is never-

theless a fair reflection of the hopes that the owner possesses for the club that has become such a factor in his life.

"I am aware of that stated aim, although I don't recall that comment being made by myself," he admitted.

"That said, I have not become involved with the club just to let it tread water. I am extremely ambitious for the club to improve, progress, and be successful."

"Should we be aiming for league football?"

"Well, we need to reach the Conference National first, which is no mean achievement in itself."

"But, yes, we should be aiming for

league football and of course the ground does not meet the requirements (to host football at that level).

"I am trying to gear the club up, with my fellow directors, to be in a position to achieve these things and it is very much a target we have."

In Donald's view, his and his directors' purchase of the club's Ten Acres home earlier this year from former owners 'Ten Acres Holdings' was imperative for those stated, heady aspirations to be met.

"It was vital that the stadium was purchased," Donald remarked.

"Developing the ground is essential, and we had to acquire the ground for this to make sense."

"Now, we have finally managed to do that."

"It was more frustrating than any other deal I have been involved in, but now we can apply to make the necessary improvements and they will happen."

The lengthy period that was required to secure the deeds on his club's home is being matched in

DONALD'S EASTLEIGH REVOLUTION GATHERING MOMENTUM

ALL CHANGE: Eastleigh boss Richard Hill has been a key player in the side's transformation to title favourites.

"I'm extremely ambitious for the club to progress and be successful."

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GLENN HODDLE

and his vision within the boundaries that the board set."

The supporters he has encountered at the Silverlake have certainly made a positive impression on the 38-year-old.

In fact, Donald says that their collective enthusiasm, along with the enormous amount of work involved in running the club – "about half of my working week is spent on Eastleigh, and it's a long working week" – have been the most striking elements of his ownership.

"The passion of the supporters and the strength of feeling they have for the club has made a huge impact on me and been a real surprise."

Nevertheless, Donald's tireless effort to entice more fans through the turnstiles is yet to have the desired effect – although there has been a slight upturn in home attendance figures this term.

"The product is good and improving, and it is a huge catchment area," he said. "Having said that, football is expensive at all levels and we need to work hard to make it as affordable as possible for people to attend when the economy is the way it is."

"We do not help ourselves by continually being knocked out of cup competitions in the early stages when that would help raise the profile of the club."

"We will hopefully put that right in the FA Trophy this year."

Increasing Eastleigh's supporter base is just one of the many challenges that will test a man who is determined, in his incarnation as 'football club owner', to match his prodigious accomplishments in the business world.

It is rather handy, therefore, that Donald cites 'the challenge of having set a target to take Eastleigh FC to a certain level, both on and off the pitch, and seeing whether we can achieve this' as the most exciting aspect of the task he has undertaken.

The owner acknowledges the esteem in which he holds the fans, players, and directors of Eastleigh, describing all as being "a credit to the club".

The respect is mutual, and any time spent at the club reveals a tight-knit group, all working together in pursuit of an exhilarating future.

A future that was inconceivable until two years ago when a telephone rang in Stewart Donald's Witney home.

patience-testing qualities by myriad procedures that must be complied with before the ground revamp can commence.

It is the less glamorous side of the work towards the overall grand plan but Donald remains, above anything else, a football fan – albeit one who can't relax when it's the turn of the players to do their bit on the pitch.

"I feel nervous and tense, and am rarely relaxed," he confessed.

"I kick every ball, make every challenge. 'I am a fan, the same as everyone else."

"I have had plenty of journeys home to Oxfordshire after both home and away games thinking 'what a great result, I am loving this'."

"I have also had some at the other end of the spectrum where I think 'what a fool, this was an awful defeat and why do I waste my time, money and effort on such a silly game'."

"However, when I have calmed down from a defeat, or forgotten the last win, I then refocus on achieving the goals we have set to achieve at the

club.

"I focus on the next challenge, whether it's Sutton, Dorchester, terracing or the bar staff."

Donald's control over what he watches during the course of 90 stomach-churning minutes only extends as far as his placing the team's control in the capable hands of Richard Hill.

Before Hill's appointment in September 2012, though, the owner had to dispense with the Spitfires boss of close to five years, Ian Baird.

It was a process that Donald confesses provided him with the only 'serious negative' of his time, to date,

at the Silverlake.

Together with Baird's successor, Donald has overseen the recruitment of a series of signings, and has ensured that every measure is taken to give his side the best possible chance of success.

The implementation of a professional environment at Eastleigh is epitomised by the day time training regime which allows Hill additional time to work with his men.

Donald clearly values his present manager's wisdom, and "huge influence" over the club.

"He chooses the players, he signs them, coaches them, and they are a reflection of him as well as the club," Donald remarked.

"The results speak for themselves."

"It is a football club and he is the manager, and we follow his direction

"The passion of the supporters has made a huge impact on me."

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AUGUST

Sat 3	Charlton (H)W 2-1
Grabban 2		
Tues 6	P'mouth LC1 (H)	...W 1-0
O'Kane		
Sat 10	Watford (A)L 1-6
Grabban		
Sat 17	Wigan (H)	.....W 1-0
Grabban		
Sat 24	Huddersfield (A)	....L 1-5
Pugh		
Wed 28	Watford (LC2) (A)	...L 0-2
Sat 31	Doncaster (A)	.....W 1-0
Pitman		

SEPTEMBER

Sat 14	Blackpool (H)	.....L 1-2
Grabban		
Tue 17	Barnsley (H)	.....W 1-0
Pugh		
Sat 21	Middlesbrough (A)	..D 3-3
Pitman (2), OG		
Sat 28	Blackburn (H)	.....L 1-3
Fraser		

OCTOBER

Tues 1	Leeds (A)	.....L 1-2
Grabban		
Sat 5	Millwall (H)	.....W 5-2
Fraser, Cook, Arter, Grabban, Pitman		
Sat 19	Nottm Forest (A)	..D 1-1
Pugh		
Sat 26	Leicester (A)	.....L 1-2
Pugh		

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	Bolton (H)	.....L 0-2
Sat 9	Burnley (A)	.....D 1-1
Rantie		
Sat 23	Derby	.....(H)
Sat 30	Brighton	.....(A)

DECEMBER

Tues 3	QPR	.....(A)
Sat 7	Reading	.....(A)
Sat 14	Birmingham	.....(H)
Sat 21	Sheff Wed	.....(A)
Thur 26	Yeovil	.....(H)
Sun 29	Ipswich	.....(A)

JANUARY

Wed 1	Brighton	.....(A)
Sat 11	Wigan	.....(A)
Sat 18	Watford	.....(H)
Sat 25	Charlton	.....(A)
Tues 28	Huddersfield	.....(H)

FEBRUARY

Sat 1	Leicester	.....(H)
Sat 8	Bolton	.....(A)
Sat 15	Burnley	.....(H)
Sat 22	Derby	.....(A)

MARCH

Sat 1	Doncaster	.....(H)
Sat 8	Blackpool	.....(A)
Wed 12	Blackburn	.....(A)
Sat 15	Middlesbrough	.....(H)
Sat 22	Barnsley	.....(A)
Tues 25	Leeds	.....(H)
Sat 29	Birmingham	.....(A)

APRIL

Sat 5	QPR (H)	
Tues 8	Reading	.....(H)
Sat 12	Yeovil	.....(A)
Fri 18	Sheff Wed(H)
Mon 21	Ipswich(A)
Sat 26	Notts Forest(H)

MAY

Sat 3	Millwall(A)
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ABSOLUTE DISGRACE

T&E boss slams Browne sacking



SIMON BROWNE

TOTTEN & Eling co-boss Stuart Hussey has branded Hamworthy United's sacking of Simon Browne "an absolute disgrace."

As someone in much the same boat as Browne, trying to keep a modestly funded club afloat in the Sydenhams Premier Division, Hussey believes the Hammers are guilty of putting not one, but two, thoroughly good football men out of a job.

Ex-Worthing, Bashley and Winchester boss John Robson, who had been coaching and scouting for Browne at the County Ground club, followed the boss out of the exit door – something which appalled Hussey.

"I cannot believe Simon Browne got the sack," he said. "It's an absolute disgrace."

"I don't know Simon personally, but he'd been at that club for over four years and he comes across as really professional and hard-working."

"Over the years I've been involved in Wessex management, Hamworthy have always been the hardest team we've played. During eight or nine games against them with Lymington Town, Winchester City and Totton & Eling, I'd never beaten them until a few weeks ago – and that was the first time in four years. Simon's teams are always hard to beat."

Hamworthy chairman Steve Harvey cited results and player departures (Hammers had 16 points from 17 Wessex Premier games when Browne's sacking was confirmed) as the reason for changing managers.

He said the issue had been voted for "100 per cent" by the club's top brass.

Harvey said: "We are looking to progress and join Poole and Wimborne and, as chairman, my feeling is we need to improve, and we weren't."

"We felt we needed a change. I really like Simon and it was a hard decision."

That, though, cut no ice with Hussey who thinks Browne should have been given more time.

"You don't get two more experienced football men than John Robson and Simon Browne and to have good people like that involved at clubs like ours, who don't pay much, if anything, should

not be taken lightly," he said.

"For Simon not to be allowed to see out the season and put things right is disgraceful."

"Hopefully he will come straight back into a job with John Robson because they're the sort of people you don't want to lose from the game."

"Hamworthy are bringing in another good football man in Graham Kemp, but that's beside the point."

"I'm sure Graham will go in and do a good job, but I'm so disappointed to see Simon Browne sacked."

"I could understand if Hamworthy were paying out loads of money, but they're not. Simon's done a good job there on what I'd imagine is only a smallish budget."

Browne himself launched a broadside at the man replacing him at the Hammers helm.

Rumours were rife that Kemp had been lined up for the job well before Browne confronted chairman Steve Harvey about the speculation prior to the 2-2 draw with Lymington Town ten days ago.

"Everybody knew he (Kemp) had been offered the job and I am disappointed that the rumours got out," said former Salisbury City defender Browne. "I don't believe it came from Steve or Mark (Bartlett, Hammers vice-chairman), it will have come from Graham himself."

"Whether that was done intentionally to cause distress to me, (assistant manager) Lee Chudy and John Robson, I don't know. I'd like to think not. But it is not very professional and it seems a little underhand to be talking about taking a job where someone was still in situ."

"I very much doubt we would be in this situation if he (Kemp) had not been sacked by Winchester."

Kemp categorically denied starting any rumours, insisting: "I never spoke to anybody before I left Winchester or before he (Browne) had left the job at Hamworthy."

Chairman Harvey acknowledged: "It didn't work out how we had wanted because Simon was going to be told after the (Lymington) game but, somewhere down the line, someone told him. We don't know who, but we have a good idea, and that prompted the meeting before the game."

COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE



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TOTTEN & Eling's class of 2013/14 bears no resemblance to the team built by previous Millers manager Kevin Dawtry.

But in answer to those fans still pinning for the days when the likes of Steve Jenkin, Phil Ward and Matt Monk were among the first names on the T&E team-sheet, co-boss Stuart Hussey says the changes all boil down to commitment.

With last Saturday's 4-1 home defeat by Whitchurch United dropping T&E third to bottom of the Sydenhams Premier Division, Hussey and brother Matt know they have their work cut out to preserve the club's top-flight status.

But they would rather soldier on with a set of players that can fully commit rather than being continually messed around by unavailability.

"A lot of the old lads have gone and, had they stayed and been 100 per cent committed, I've no doubt we'd be sitting mid-table," said Hussey.

"But unfortunately a lot of those lads couldn't commit and at some stage we had to make the decision to go with people who can get to training rather than just turn up on a Saturday to play."

"Steve Jenkin could never train on a Thursday, Matt Monk had work commitments and Phil Ward said he'd sign but could only play Saturdays."

"They're all good lads but we couldn't carry on with players who could only make themselves available at certain times."

"The players we wanted to keep, we have kept, but unfortunately Steve Marwood, Mark Lloyd and Adam Lowther are all injured."

"It looks like Steve needs an operation and Mark's off travelling soon for



INJURED: Adam Lowther, left.

a month which is something that was booked in the Kevin Dawtry era."

With hard-up neighbours AFC Totton going through similar struggles with a young, inexperienced side in the Calor Southern Premier Division, these are not good times for football in the town.

But that comes as no great surprise

to Hussey, who says success – or lack of it – all boils down to finances.

"There's no magic formula to it," he said. "The higher you go up in our league or AFC Totton's league, the more money is being paid."

"If you gave me £400 a week to spend tomorrow, we'd be halfway up the Wessex table in no time with some more experienced players on board."

"The lads we've got are all technically good players, but they're naïve. Our skill, passing and quality of possession is great, but we're not clinical enough going forward or defending."

That much was evident last Saturday as the Millers slumped to their 13th league loss of the season against Whitchurch.

Having played much of the first-half football, they were caught out by a ball over the top just before the break and, come the fifth minute of the second half, the Millers were 3-0 down.

"We totally outplayed them in the first half and were great to watch," said Hussey.

"We played all the football, but one long ball over the top undid us and exactly the same thing happened early in the second half before Nic Turpin struck with a 20-yard free-kick."

"At half-time I had nothing but praise for our lads, but within five minutes of the second half it was game over."

Luke Walker broke the deadlock for Whitchurch in the 40th minute and went on to complete a hat-trick either side of Turpin's set-piece.

Dougie Rowe hit back for the Millers before T&E skipper Luke Ansell was shown a straight red for an alleged headbutt on United's Curtis Angell, who was himself sent off for a second yellow.

"Neutrals told me Luke leant in with his head without actually butting their lad, but if you go in with your head nowadays, you're off," said Hussey.

Beaten but unbowed

TOTTEN & Eling came away from Gosport Borough with their heads held high on Tuesday.

Although they lost 3-1 in the Russell Cotes Cup, they were by no means overawed by the Conference South hosts.

The Millers deservedly went in 1-1 at half-time after Dougie Rowe had cancelled out Adam Wilde's opener.

But holders Borough, who lost striker Justin Bennett to a cut above the eye, got their act together after the break to book their quarter-final place.

Skipper Sam Pearce restored their lead with a header before ex-Saint Tom Dunford finished

well after playing a sweet one-two with substitute Mike Gosney.

Dunford had scored twice and Bennett once to ease Gosport into the first round of the FA Trophy with a 3-0 win over fellow Conference South strugglers Dorchester Town last Saturday.

Bennett's strike – a looping header – put the former Andover and Eastleigh hotshot within four goals of becoming Gosport's all-time leading scorer.

Gosport will now host another of their Conference South rivals in the Trophy first round next Saturday after Concord Rangers saw off Dulwich Hamlet 4-3 after extra-time in Tuesday's replay.



LEVELLER: Dougie Rowe.

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Cummings leaves 'big boots to fill' at Town



POOLE EXIT: Warren Cummings.

FORMER AFC Bournemouth stalwart Warren Cummings has left Poole Town to link up with fellow ex-Cherries star Lee Bradbury at Conference South outfit Havant & Waterlooville.

The 33-year-old left-sided defender featured for the Hawks in pre-season before opting to play for Poole in the Calor Southern Premier Division.

Cummings played his last game for the Dolphins in their 2-0 home success over St Neots Town last Saturday which lifted them back into the play-off places after more than a month without a league fixture.

And with fellow left-back Ian Oliver leaving Tatnam on the back of limited first-team opportunities and interest growing in star performer Will Spetch, manager Tom Killick admitted the timing of Cummings' exit could not have been worse.

"Warren's boots are going to be big to fill," admitted the Dolphins boss after goals by Dan Cann and Marvin Brooks had seen off St Neots.

"It's disappointing to lose him because he has made such a big impact in the short space of time he has been here.

"He is very charismatic and his personality has really helped to enhance us off the field as well as his obvious influence on it.

"I fully understand his reasons for going and I am sure he would say it has been difficult for him because he was very happy here.

"But Havant play in the league above and he feels he has to play at the highest possible level.

"From our point of view, if it didn't work out then we would love to have him back."

Havant, meanwhile, atoned for September's 5-0 home league drubbing by Sutton United by knocking Paul Doswell's men out of the FA Trophy last Saturday.

Goals from Christian Nanetti and Sahr Kabbah fired the Hawks to a pleasing 2-1 third qualifying round victory at Gander Green Lane.

It sets Bradbury's men up with a Hampshire derby at Conference South rivals Basingstoke Town in the first round proper next Saturday (November 30).

Discussing Cummings' arrival at West Leigh Park, former AFC Bournemouth boss Bradbury said: "I have managed and played with Warren, so I know he does things right.

"He knows the game and can play in two or three different positions which will be a big benefit to us."

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Killick lines up deal

POOLE Town boss Tom Killick was this week lining up the signing of Dorchester Town left-back Neil Martin to replace the departed Warren Cummings.

Killick was hoping to complete the deal in time for the 24-year-old to go straight into the squad for today's Calor Southern Premier trip to Banbury United.

"I have always believed if you want to get out of the league you're in, you need players capable of playing in the league above," said the Dolphins manager, pictured. "That's what we are always looking for and Neil is an established Conference South player who played an important part in a successful campaign for Dorchester last season. It would give us a real boost to get a player with his background."

Martin was voted players' player-of-the-season at Dorchester last season.



City's £5k cup carrot

SALISBURY City will battle it out with Skril Conference Premier pacesetters Cambridge United for a place in the second round of the FA Trophy.

The winner of the first round match, taking place at Old Sarum next Saturday (November 30), will receive £5,000 from the FA prize fund.

The sides last met in the league last month with Cambridge scoring two second-half Kwesi Appiah goals to beat the Whites 2-0 at the Abbey Stadium.

Quiz Le Tiss at Totton

AFC TOTTON are hosting 'An Evening With Matt Le Tissier' next month. The Saints legend will be talking about his life and playing career on Thursday, December 5 (6.30pm) and fielding a question-and-answer session.

Tickets, priced £20, can be requested by email at enquiries@afctotton.com or by calling Mark Stuppel on 07506 777742. Alternatively send a cheque, payable to AFC Totton, to The Testwood Stadium, Salisbury Road, Totton, Hants, SO40 2RW.

PLASTIC FANTASTIC

Hill praises Eastleigh performance at Maidstone

RICHARD HILL was impressed with Eastleigh's class and composure as they steered themselves safely through to the FA Trophy first round.

All the talk leading up to last Saturday's trip to Maidstone United centred around the (then) Ryman Premier leaders' artificial pitch.

But though manager Hill, pictured below, was mystified by his opposite number Jay Saunders' claims that the Spitfires were "a bit annoyed" about being refused permission to train on the surface beforehand, he said it shouldn't detract from a thoroughly professional performance by his Conference South top dogs.

After having Craig McAllister's first-half opener wiped out by Frannie Collin in the 50th minute, Eastleigh hit back with a Jai Reason penalty after goalkeeper Lee Worgan had been adjudged to have fouled Yemi Odubade.

Hailing the quality of Eastleigh's display, Hill said: "My lads were absolutely fantastic, thoroughly professional."

"I thought we looked solid and hard to play against when we were out of possession and very com-



WINNER: Jai Reason, right.

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posed when we were in possession. We didn't rush things.

"Maidstone's pitch is actually quite small, there's not a lot of room, and we had to make sure we adapted to the surface quickly.

"In the first ten or 15 minutes Maidstone caught us out by putting a couple of quick free-kicks in behind us. But we got the message

out to our lads for someone to stand in front of the ball to stop them taking free-kicks quickly even if they had to take a booking for it.

"This time last year Salisbury were sitting top of our league and they went to Maidstone in the Trophy and lost.

"Using Salisbury as our yardstick, that just goes to show the level of performance of our players.

"They looked solid and assured in every way."

As for Saunders's comments about Eastleigh's so-called 'annoyance' at not being able to train on

the 3G pitch beforehand, Hill shrugged: "If the boot had been on the other foot, I wouldn't have let them train on our pitch either. But the point I was making was that there should be a rule in place for visiting teams to be able to get a feel for the surface the week prior to the game.

"There were things Maidstone did in the game – legally – that showed their knowledge of the pitch and what to do on it.

"I wasn't annoyed about not training there, but you can't tell me it isn't an advantage to them.

"They've played nine league games at home, won five and drawn four, scored 20 and conceded eight. The only two games they've lost there are against Boreham Wood in the FA Cup and us in the Trophy."

Monday's first round draw handed Eastleigh another away tie against Ryman Premier opposition next Saturday (November 30).

Hill's men must travel to Suffolk outfit Bury Town, who are currently ninth in the division.

Bury thrashed Grays Athletic 5-1 at home in the third qualifying round.

FA Trophy First round draw (matches to be played on Saturday, November 30): 1 Leamington v Northwich Victoria, 2 Tamworth v Macclesfield Town, 3 FC Halifax Town v Guiseley, 4 Southport v Boston United, 5 Coalville Town v Grimsby Town, 6 Hyde v North Ferriby United, 7 Alfreton Town v Nuneaton Town, 8 Chorley v Curzon Ashton, 9 Bradford Park Avenue v Kidderminster Harriers, 10 Worcester City v AFC Telford United, 11 Altrincham v Brackley Town or Leek Town, 12 Wrexham v Gresley, 13 Chester v Barrow, 14 Gateshead v Hednesford Town, 15 Lincoln City v Stalybridge Celtic, 16 Hereford United v Woking, 17 Bury Town v Eastleigh, 18 Dartford v Forest Green Rovers, 19 Salisbury City v Cambridge United, 20 Hendon v Whitstable Town, 21 Arlesley Town v Whitehawk, 22 Tonbridge Angels v St Albans City, 23 Gosport Borough v Concord Rangers, 24 Aldershot Town v Weston-super-Mare, 25 Hungerford Town v Chesham United, 26 Hayes & Yeading United v Barnet, 27 Davenport Town v Maidenhead United, 28 Staines Town v Luton Town, 29 Ebbsfleet United v Gloucester City, 30 Braintree Town v Welling United, 31 East Thurrock United v Dover Athletic, 32 Basingstoke Town v Havant & Waterlooville.

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Brock boss search
BROCKENHURST are seeking an experienced commercial manager.

The Sydenhams Premier Division club are looking to push forward and would like to hear from candidates for this commission-paid post. For more details contact chairman Pete Lynes on 01590 623437 or 07908 109696.

Burnett signs M&M MACS Sampays, pictured below, has linked up again with his old Romsey Town and New Milton manager Glenn Burnett at Blackfield & Langley.

The reigning Sydenhams Premier champions have also welcomed back ex-Team Solent and AFC Totton striker Manny Soetan for another spell at Gang Warily.



Cadete joins Romsey
DANILO Cadete has signed for Sydenhams Premier basement boys Romsey Town after a two-year stint with divisional rivals Alresford.

The right-footed striker, who has also spent time at Fleet Town, joins recent new faces Anele and Sanga Dolo and Jordan Parker as new Romsey boss Carl Bennett continues to reshape his Bypass Ground squad.

Ash returns to Tadley
ASHLEY Ledger – a member of Alresford Town's triple cup-winning squad last term – is on the move again.

The midfielder, pictured below, has returned to his old club Tadley Calleva in Sydenhams One after starting this season with Alresford's top-flight rivals Whitchurch United.

Tadley boss Danny Dolan has also welcomed striker Jason Graham back to Barlows Park. Ledger was among the starters as Tadley recorded an emphatic 5-0

league victory at struggling Laverstock & Ford last Saturday.

Brett Denham stole the show with a hat-trick, backed by singles from Mario Nurse and Shaun Dallimore.



One Lovell on fire – one Lovell off!

HE'S not far off 50, but veteran former Wimborne Town and Bashley striker Jason Lovell has been hailed "a revelation" by his latest boss.

Lovell – an FA Vase winner with Wimborne in 1992 – is still banging in the goals at the ripe 'old' age of 47.

He recently netted twice for Dorset Premier League outfit Holt United as the Bulls ended an 11-match winless run with victory over Mere Town.

"Jason is still running around like a spring chicken," smiled Holt boss Mike Rees.

"He has been one of our best players and his attitude and enthusiasm for the game are second to none.

"His knowledge and experience have been invaluable and he is always keen to help the young players."

Lovell started the season playing at the back, but has now reverted to his more familiar striker's role.

"He has looked a real handful since he has gone back up front and defenders certainly know they have been in a game when they come up against him," added Rees. "He may have lost a bit of pace but he certainly hasn't lost any ability or his knack for finishing."

"He keeps himself very fit and is still outstripping a few young centre-backs."

Lovell's son Jack is a chip off the old block, but his competitiveness landed him in trouble playing for Verwood Town in the FA Vase last Saturday.

With the Potters' second round tie against Alresford Town still in its infancy at Potterne Park, the teenage marksman was given his marching orders for a high challenge on Magpies goalkeeper Jarid Hixon who had raced out of his penalty area in an attempt to clear the ball.

Alresford went on to win the tie 4-1 against Verwood's ten men and Potters boss Adie Arnold was convinced referee Shaun Tobin had made an incorrect call in punishing young Lovell for serious foul play.

"In my view it was a ball over the top, the goalkeeper came out and realised he was in no man's land."

"He was going to pick it up and he was a couple of yards outside his box. He went to try to head it and Jack caught him, but Jack had his eye on the ball the whole time."

"He (Tobin) told our skipper he was going to book him and he did not send him off straight away."

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"He looked for the goalkeeper, who rolled around a lot, and sent Jack off."

"I have got players that make mistakes, I make mistakes and you learn from them, but referees are apparently never wrong."

"He got a massive decision wrong in a massive cup competition. There was no video evidence so they can hide behind that now. It is frustrating as a manager."

Alresford co-boss Danny Robinson, however, felt photographic evidence had vindicated referee Tobin's decision to show Lovell red.

"It was a sending-off," he stated. "Jarid's got stud marks from his ear lobe all the way down to his nipple."



OUCH: Jack Lovell, left, catches Jarid Hixon. He pleads his innocence, below, but is shown a red card.

Right on the Money

MONEYFIELDS boss Miles Rutherford lauded last Saturday's 3-2 FA Vase win at Odd Down as "probably our best performance of the season."

Two Steve Hutchings goals and one by former Romsey Town midfielder Stuart Green carried the Money men to second round glory at the Bath-based Western Premier Division club.

Moneys' reward is a third round home tie against Bitton AFC, who dumped out Fareham Town 3-0 at Cams Alders.

Fareham's afternoon imploded

just before half-time when they fell behind to a 44th-minute Luke Bryan goal and then had Lee Tigwell shown a straight red.

Bitton's Matt Barnes levelled up the numbers early in the second half when he was sent off for a second bookable offence, but another Bryan goal and one by Dan Spill saw the visitors through.

"To say I'm disappointed would be an understatement," admitted Fareham boss Matt Parr.

Moneyfields kept up the good work on Wednesday with a last-ditch 2-1 win at Fawley AFC in the

Sydenhams Premier Division.

The second-to-bottom Oilers opened the scoring through Ben Murphy, but two goals late in each half from Warren Hunt and Green tipped the scales Moneys' way.

The one black spot on Moneyfields' week was news that they must repay their £3,200 winnings from the FA Cup prize fund.

The fine is punishment for playing striker Steve Hutchings without international clearance following his return from Australian club Shepparton United.

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Non-league Football



FIT AGAIN: Basingstoke's Jordace Holder-Spooner.

JORDACE Holder-Spooner began his comeback from injury with a cameo appearance for Basingstoke Town in their 3-1 FA Trophy win over Hampton & Richmond Borough last Saturday.

The former Saints and Eastleigh attacker went on as a 77th-minute substitute for another ex-Spittfire, Shaun McAuley, at the Camrose Ground – his first taste of first-team action since suffering a dislocated shoulder at the start of the season.

"It was great to see the return of Jordace, who came on towards the end and looked very sharp," said delighted boss Jason Bristow in the wake of Basingstoke's fifth consecutive victory.

Stoke broke the deadlock when Adam Green's powerful strike from distance took a wicked deflection past goalkeeper Rodney Chiweshe.

However, the lead lasted just five minutes as Dan Thompson glanced home an equaliser, making the Ryman Premier visitors the first team to score against Basingstoke in just over

Jordace returns

seven hours of football.

Thompson almost struck again, firing across the face of goal and inches wide of the far post.

But Basingstoke rode their luck and took the tie by the scruff of the neck with goals by McAuley and Manny Williams either side of half-time.

Substitute Holder-Spooner very nearly capped Stoke's victory with a fourth, but the tricky forward was denied by a combination of goalkeeper and post in stoppage-time.

"We spoke to the lads at half-time, rectified a few things and, to their credit, they came out and dominated the game in the second half," said Bristow.

Basingstoke's reward is an all-Hampshire home tie

against Havant & Waterlooville next Saturday (November 30).

Havant beat them 4-1 when the sides last met at Westleigh Park last month, but Basingstoke have scarcely looked back since, climbing to fourth in the Conference South.

"It's good to have a home draw and it gives us a chance to show everyone that it was a freak result the last time we played Havant," said Bristow.

Bristow's opposite number Lee Bradbury of Havant said: "We played well to get a good result against them at Westleigh Park, but they have improved since then."

"We're good enough to get a result at Basingstoke, but we have to be at our best."

Non-league News

Dover and out ...

DOVER Athletic have sent former Eastleigh winger Moses Ademola out on a month's loan to Canvey Island.

Ademola, pictured below, has struggled for games of late and Dover boss Chris Kinner has loaned him to the Ryman Premier Division club to gain game time and match fitness.

The 24-year-old joined the Crabble outfit from Eastleigh in November last year.

He had been one of the Spittfires' big 2012 summer signings under previous boss Ian Baird but, following the arrival of Richard Hill at the Silverlake, he was sold to Dover for an undisclosed fee.



Bash fixture change
BOTTOM club Bashley have brought forward their Calor Southern Premier showdown with promotion-chasing Poole Town to Saturday, December 7 (3pm).

The match had been due to be played on Easter Monday but, with both teams having a gap in their schedule, they felt it sensible to rearrange.

Backroom boost

VERWOOD Town are looking to enhance their first-team management set-up by appointing a right-hand man to Adie Arnold, pictured left.

The successful applicant would work closely with team boss Arnold and coach Andy Darnton on match-days and in coaching sessions.

Experience and/or knowledge of Wessex League football would be an advantage but is not essential.

Call Steve Jefferis, chairman of the Sydenhams Premier club, on 07896 627060 or email him at stevej43@gmail.com.



JENKINS HAPPY TO TACKLE CHAMPIONS

WHEN the draw for the last 64 of the FA Vase was made on Monday, most of the Sydenhams Wessex League survivors were anxious to avoid one another.

For three of them – Alresford Town (away to Saltash United), Sholing (away to Reading Town) and Moneyfields (home to Bitton AFC) it was mission accomplished, but not so for AFC Portchester and Blackfield & Langley who must go head-to-head at Wicor Rec on December 7.

Mick Jenkins, though, felt pretty comfortable with the draw.

Although Portchester's director of football expects the toughest of tests against Glenn Burnett's reigning Wessex champions, he is relishing the prospect of being at home.

"I don't really mind an all-Wessex tie. You know that in the latter rounds of the competition, they're all going to be tough," he said. "And I'd rather be at home than have to go to Saltash, that's for sure!" he smiled.

It was only three weeks ago that Portchester visited Blackfield in the league and ground out a 0-0 draw at Gang Warily.

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"They had chances and we had chances and we're aware of the threat they pose," he said. "Blackfield are a good team and nice people too. We were very well received down there."

"Me, Graham (Rix) and Louis (Bell) stayed behind for a drink and a chat afterwards with Blackfield's Sam Davies, Glenn Burnett and John McFarlane and, like Glenn said at the time, that's the way it should be."

"They're a nice club and they're the Wessex champions. If we can emulate half of what Blackfield have achieved, we'll be moving in the right direction."

But for a

MICK JENKINS



half-time dressing down by coaches Rix and Bell, Portchester might never have made it into the third round.

They were slow out of the blocks against Western League visitors Shepton Mallet on Saturday and trailed 1-0 at the break.

But a half-time flea in the ear worked wonders for the Wicor Rec brigade who came out like men possessed as Jack Salter-Vaile, Danny Thompson and Simon Woods secured a 3-1 victory.

"That (the telling off) was in order because we didn't create anything in the first half and we didn't defend the cross properly when Shepton Mallet scored," said Jenkins.

"But players like Salter-Vaile, Jamie Musselwhite, Joe Bye and Woods all came out on fire after the break. Scoring quickly was vitally important to us and then a sending-off swung it in our favour."

"We were chuffed to bits to get through."

Portchester are

also delighted to have been honoured with the Sydenhams Premier club-of-the-month October award.

"It's a nice accolade for us – a great reward for the boys and for the club committee who have worked so hard," said Jenkins.

"We know we haven't won anything yet, but we're still in the Vase and we've got Alresford coming here in the Hampshire Senior Cup in the week before the Blackfield game (Dec 3) which is certainly going to test us as a squad. But I'm not complaining. It's great to be involved in these big games and we're rising to the challenge as a group."

"We've got one or two targets player-wise, but at the moment nothing's broken so there's no need to fix it."

"We've got a great set of lads who are filled with belief and confidence and we don't want to spoil it."

Portchester maintained their winning streak on Tuesday, beating Sydenhams One visitors Pewsey Vale 3-2 in the Russell Cotes Cup.

It was not straightforward for Rix's men who, having taken an early lead through Musselwhite, fell 2-1 down to Adam Field and Jack Hopper goals. Headers from Nathan Kirby and Craig Hardy saw them through.

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DIAPER'S MEN AVOID WESSEX DANGER SIDES



DAVE DIAPER

DAVE Diaper said he was "just pleased to have avoided a Wessex team" when the FA Vase third round draw was made.

Diaper, whose Sholing side got through with a hard-earned 2-1 victory at neighbours Follands Sports last Saturday, has been handed an away trip to Hellenic Premier Division leaders Reading Town on December 7.

"It was important for us to steer clear of the Portchesters, Blackfields and Alresfords at this stage," said Diaper. "It's just disappointing that we never seem to get a home draw."

"We got Clevedon away in the FA Cup and went out and now we've been drawn away again."

Although Reading are five points clear at the top of the UHlsport Premier Division, they are racing ahead with their fixtures and have lost five and drawn two of their 21 league games.

Sholing, in contrast, had played only 14 league games ahead of today's trip to Christchurch. And though they were a point behind leaders Newport IOW, they had dropped only four points from a possible 42, winning 12 and drawing two.

No sooner had Monday's draw been made than Diaper was busily scouring the Internet for clues about Reading Town.

"They're top, but the interesting thing is that they've already lost five games and have played six more (seven after Tuesday's 2-1 win over Newbury) than Wantage below them," he said.

"I shall try and go and watch them if I can, even if it means sacrificing one of our games."

With a Hampshire FA Senior Cup tie against Havant & Waterlooville coming up the Tuesday before the Vase game (December 3), Diaper now faces a juggling act to keep his side fit and firing on all fronts.

"I don't want to let anything go in the league and we've got two tough cup games coming up in the same week," he said.

"But I've got a big squad and there will be some interesting decisions to make between now and then."

"It's an important time for us and we've got to manage our injuries and bookings carefully and make sure we don't do anything stupid between now and then."

Reading Town's dangerman is striker Graham Lewis, who

numbers Lincoln, Northwich, Burnham, Thatcham Town and Abingdon United among his former clubs.

He already has 15 goals to his credit this term and is said to cause defences problems with his direct running.

Their ranks also include mid-fielder Josh Warren, formerly of Alresford Town, and Adam Cashin-Murray who had a spell on Eastleigh's books during Ian Baird's time in charge.

Diaper, though, believes his side can approach the tie with confidence.

"If we're on our game and really up for it, it will take a good side to beat us," he said.

By the boss's own admission, Sholing "can play a lot better" than they did at Follands last week.

Having had Lee Wort's early goal wiped out by a Jamie Barron penalty, they retook the lead through a cracking Mike Carter, pictured, strike shortly before half-time.

But the Boatmen were never completely comfortable until Follands went for broke in the closing stages and, with chances coming thick and fast, they had two cleared off the line and Fennemore hit the post.

Diaper was big enough to admit afterwards: "I don't think 3-1 or 4-1 would have been a fair reflection on a nip and tuck game."

"Follands looked dangerous, particularly on long throws, and they put us under a lot of pressure."

"Both teams looked nervous – we certainly were."

"We don't normally play with nerves in the league, but the third round of the Vase is big stakes."

FA VASE

Third round (to be played weekend of December 7/8): 1 Spennymoor Town v Brillingdon Town 2 West Auckland Town v Billingham Synthonia 3 Brighouse Town v Wickham v Staveley MW v Morpeth Town 5 Jarrow Roofing Boldon CA v Newcastle Benfield 6 Ashington v Thackley 7 Whitley Bay v Dunston UTS 8 Congleton Town v AFC Mansfield 9 Huntingdon Town 9 Blaby & Whetstone Athletic v Causeway United 10 AFC Rushden & Diamonds v Graham St Prims 11 Holwell Sports v Colehill Town 12 Spalding United v Wisbech Town 13 Alvechurch v Westfields 14 St Andrews v Bolehall Swifts 15 Great Wakering Rovers v Hullbridge Sports 16 East Preston v Rye United 17 Hanwell Town v Lordswood 18 Ampthill Town v Beckenham Town 19 Brightonsea Regent v Colney Heath 20 Ashford United v Tring Athletic 21 South Park or Cray Valley (PM) v Eastbourne United 22 Hadleigh United v Ely City or Welwyn Garden City 23 Norwich United v Erith Town 24 Tunbridge Wells v Hanworth Villa 25 Haringey Borough v Brantham Athletic 26 Moneyfields v Bitton 27 Plymouth Parkway v Hallen 28 AFC Portchester v Blackfield & Langley 29 Binfield v Larkhall Athletic 30 Reading Town v Sholing 31 Kidlington v Bodmin Town 32 Saltash United v Alresford Town.



PLAYERS AND FANS MADE ME PROUD – BOWERS

COOL HEAD: Jamie Barrow puts Follands level from the penalty spot against Sholing.

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FOLLAND Sports boss Danny Bowers admitted it was "heart-breaking" to go out of the FA Vase last Saturday.

But while the 2-1 defeat to Sholing was hard to swallow, his overwhelming emotion at the end of 90 absorbing minutes at Follands Park was pride.

On paper the Planemakers' new-look line-up shouldn't have had a prayer against a Sholing side who have spent most of the last four seasons camped in the upper reaches of the Southern League Division One South & West.

But last week's second round derby was closer than many would have imagined with Follands skipper Jamie Barron wiping out Lee Wort's opener from the penalty spot before Mike Carter struck a 37th-minute winner to see the fancied Boatmen through.

While Sholing are an established side of many years' standing, Follands have undergone a major transformation since Bowers returned to the first-team helm in the summer.

With the help of club stalwart Paul Cotton and coaches Dave Lewis, Tim Middleton, Darren Burdle and Dave Herbert, they have put together a brand new side.

Of last Saturday's starting line-up, only Barron and goalkeeper Ryan Gosney were first-team regulars last term.

Tenacious midfielder James Roden returned to the club from Fareham Town during the summer, bringing towering centre-back Matt Burt with him, while Pip Nolan is back in the fold after spells away with



LETTING FLY: James Roden, right, shoots for Follands against Sholing.

Brockenhurst and Winchester City.

Mike Turvey – an attacking midfielder/frontman formerly of Andover and Gosport Borough – showed sublime skill before being brought down by Sholing's Byron Mason for the penalty and, up front, Follands boast a truly exciting prospect in 16-year-old Jamie Betteridge who has already netted ten goals this term.

"At times we played some really good football against Sholing and we did that without Ryan Long (suspended), Zac Anderson (cup-tied) and Will Harris (eye operation)," said Bowers.

"It was a fantastic cup tie. There's no taking away the fact that Sholing are a very good side but, in my opinion, they can't have had a tougher test all season."

"I don't think we deserved to win, but I don't think we deserved to lose either."

"We're a side that wants to play football and we showed no fear."

"Dave (Sholing boss Dave Diaper) says teams defend and defend against them to try and keep the score down, but we didn't do that and I'm really proud of how our lads applied themselves."

"They set a benchmark for me against Sholing and now we've got to look to play like that every week. If we do, it could be us fighting for titles before long."

"It's heartbreaking to go out of the Vase, but the most important thing for me is we gave a proper account of ourselves."

"When Sholing come back here (in the league) on Boxing Day, they won't be thinking all they've got to do is turn up."

It wasn't just the game that made Bowers proud.

There was a sizeable crowd at Follands Park and the club took the opportunity to showcase their upcoming youth academy with a penalty shootout at half-time.

"The atmosphere was electric and it was a fantastic occasion for local football," said Bowers.

"The academy is still in its embryonic stages, but I am sure that with mine and Matt Beckingsdale's efforts over the last two years, it will be a huge success."

Although it was not destined to be Follands' year in the Vase, Bowers wouldn't be at all surprised to see Sholing blaze a trail to the final.

"If you look at their squad, they're all big and powerful," he said.

"They'll need a little bit of luck, but I think they could go all the way."

"We wish them all the best."

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Ex-Totton star earns new Cherries deal

FORMER AFC Totton loanee Baily Cargill has been rewarded for his progress with a new two-and-a-half year contract at AFC Bournemouth.

The 18-year-old defender, left, who spent the bulk of last season with the Stags, penned a 12-month deal after successfully graduating from the Dean Court youth ranks in the summer.

Now boss Eddie Howe has moved swiftly to tie Cargill to a longer contract following a series of eye-catching displays for the club's develop-

ment squad, in training, and during a loan spell with Conference outfit Welling United.

Cargill, voted Totton's supporters' player-of-the-season in the Southern Premier Division last term, smiled: "I'm over the moon. I have worked really hard for it, so I am really pleased and my family are all really happy."

"I felt privileged to be given a year in the summer, but now it has got even better."

"It is really nice that the club have

shown the faith in me to give me a two-year deal."

"It is the longest I have ever had."

"The club is going in the right direction and I want to be a part of it. It was an easy decision for me to sign."

Stephen Purches, who heads up the Cherries development squad, added: "Baily is developing physically and technically all the time and the combination of the two gives him a chance, so that is why the club felt it was right to try to tie him to a new deal."

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Hubbard will return – Cuss

MANAGER Steve Cuss insisted Micky Hubbard's absence from Wimborne Town was merely a sabbatical after the influential midfielder had missed last Saturday's impressive 1-0 toppling of leaders North Leigh in Oxfordshire.

A week after losing their own unbeaten Cuthbury tag in the league, Cuss's, pictured below, Magpies ended North Leigh's 100 per cent home record and ten-match winning streak in the Calor Southern One South & West.

Hotshot Mark Gamble turned provider by laying off Jamie Davidson's pass for strike partner James Stokoe to net the only goal of the game in the first half.

However, the buoyant mood was somewhat tempered by Cuss's announcement that former Poole midfielder Hubbard, who netted 12 league goals last season, had decided to take a short break from Saturday football having "lost some of his enthusiasm."

Refuting suggestions that Hubbard's decision had been influenced by a realignment of the club's wage structure, Cuss said: "He (Hubbard) has decided to take a few weeks off and get back his enthusiasm for the game. He remains registered to us and, hopefully, he will come back to fight for his place."

"We try to look after all our players and I am happy for Micky to take some time off if that is what he feels he needs."

"It was quite sudden, but I respect his decision."

"There was nothing to suggest it would be for any more than two or three weeks."

Hubbard, though, is in hot demand elsewhere.

New Hamworthy United boss Graham Kemp confirmed this week that he had already held talks with the midfielder and hoped to persuade him to be the Sydenhams Premier club's marquee signing.

Hubbard spent two fruitful spells at Blandford Close before moving to Poole where he won three Wessex titles and helped them into the Southern League.

"It would be an amazing coup if we could sign him," said Kemp. "I have spoken to Micky and he seems quite keen, but he wants to make the right choice."

"I suggested he came to us for a month to get a smile back on his face, get some match fitness and then see what the future held."

Memorial match KO'd by cherry picker tracks

WEDNESDAY'S scheduled Dave Lane Memorial Shield match at Brockenhurst was postponed after the Badgers' Grigg Lane pitch had been roughed up by a cherry picker.

The Badgers had been due to field a team of past and present players and trialists against a Bournemouth FA XI in memory of club stalwart and BFA life vice-president Lane who passed away in 2011.

But work carried out on the Grigg Lane floodlights on Monday had unexpected consequences.

Brock chairman Pete Lynes explained: "Unfortunately during the course of this work the pitch (pictured) was damaged by the cherry picker."

"Our pitch contractors were due to start making pitch repairs on Wednesday but, as it extended nearly



the length of one side of the pitch, there was no guarantee the pitch would have been ready."

"The safety of the players must come first and the match will be rearranged as soon as possible."

Lane was a terrific ambassador for clubs from the New Forest and surrounding areas, having been with B a s h l e y.

Hordle Spurs and Pennington St Marks. He also played for Berrans Park Avenue in the BFA Sunday League.

Brockenhurst had been his second home during the last 11 years of his life.

With the Grigg Lane playing surface still out of action, Brock's scheduled home game against Horndean today (Saturday) was switched to the Deans' Five Heads Park HQ.

"Hopefully it will be ready for our next home game against Petersfield in the Hampshire Senior Cup on December 4," said Lynes.

ROBINS ROCKED BY BOSS' DEPARTURES

STOCKBRIDGE were left stunned last weekend when the joint-managerial partnership of James Banks and Terry Chapman quit the Sydenhams One club.

The new team had spent the summer assembling a squad which more than held its own at the start of the season and, at one stage, sat in fourth position.

But in recent weeks it had become increasingly difficult for the pair to field a team, with suspensions, injuries and work commitments all becoming major factors, **writes KERRY MILLER.**

Four league defeats on the trot had seen the Robins drop below halfway but, with 40 players signed on Wessex forms and no reserve side, alarm bells had been ringing for a while.

Chairman Paul Barker told the *Pink's* sister paper *The Andover Advertiser*: "I received an e-mail from the managers saying they were resigning on Saturday morning following our match at US Portsmouth on Friday night."

Discipline

"I had tried to support them throughout with transfer requests and so on, but I have always talked about discipline at the club and, in my opinion, it had not improved which we did not see eye to eye about."

Banks had been forced to play himself recently despite a long-standing injury which had more or less forced his retirement from the game.

He admitted his vision of the football club and that of the chairman were never going to meet.

"I have an idea of what a winning club should be and the chair-



STOCKBRIDGE EXIT: James Banks, left, and Terry Chapman.

man has another, especially regarding discipline," he said. "To expect a side to compete but with the fear that a booking would bring repercussions is not practical."

Banks paid compliment to the people who are running the Stockbridge youth side and also had kind words for long-serving clubman Dave Webb, saying: "We had a few words but it was a pleasure meeting somebody who had dedicated his life to one club."

"The pre-season was like a breath of fresh air, but in the end the two parties were never going to meet as players' personalities are different and can't be simply channelled to be the same."

Managerial partner Terry

Chapman was said to be "deflated at the whole situation", but predictably a number of the squad have already linked up with other clubs with Liam Hall signing for Brockenhurst and Luke Pothercary for Otterbourne.

Josh Harfield is expected to sign for Winchester City as is keeper Dan Chapman. Robins stalwart Barry Andrews has agreed to step in and try to get a side together in time for the next game at home to Pewsey Vale next Saturday (November 30). Stockbridge's Russell Cotes Cup tie at Romsey Town was cancelled when the club pulled out of the competition and today's league game at East Cowes Vics was postponed to give the club a chance to regroup.



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Drew Smith Group Southampton Football League round-up

Spacagna hat-trick

THERE were three hat-tricks in last week's two Junior One games.

Steve Spacagna scored a treble as Chandler's Ford won 7-2 against Compton, while Nick Kellaway and Ben Crook shared the goals as Lowford won 6-1 at bottom-of-the-table FC Wellington.

Braishfield went top of Junior Two with a 2-0 win against Questmap, leapfrogging Montefiore Halls, who suffered a surprise defeat at home to lowly Botley Village.

Weston's Nemesis

AFC Nemesis climbed off the bottom of Junior 4 after winning a 12-goal thriller.

Five-goal Wes Pack proved Weston City's nemesis, while Ben Hatcher's hat-trick ensured a 9-3 win. Not to be outdone, Weston City's Greg Bannister scored all his side's goals but it was not enough to prevent them sliding to the foot of the table.

Meanwhile, Mitre took revenge against Athletico Ramsey by returning to the top of the table.

Goals from Mark Brown and Joe Watts ensured a 2-1 win against their nearest rivals – a week after losing 6-1 to the same opponents.

Peach of a game

AN INCREDIBLE five-goal salvo from Mark Peach ensured Locks Heath won their basement battle with Woolston in Veterans A.

But Colden Common extended their lead at the top to five points with a 3-2 win against RS Winchester, the only team below those two.

In Veterans B, BTC Soton B's 3-2 win against Compton put them level on points with leaders Michelmersh & Timsbury.

Bishops run riot

THERE were always going to be goals when the Drew Smith League's hotshots went head-to-head in the Veterans Over-40.

Bishop's Waltham Dynamos scored TEN in a 12-goal thriller against Langley Manor, with Dave Aldridge hitting a double hat-trick!

There were hat-tricks apiece for Krzysztof Wiacek and Mick Newell as Sporting BTC beat whipping boys Humble Plumb 7-1.

BTC's Will power

A PAUL Williams hat-trick ensured a place in the semi-finals of the Southampton DFA Vets Cup for Sporting BTC, who beat Follands 5-2.

Also in the last four are Hythe Aztecs, who won by a solitary goal at Hedge End Rangers, Regents Park and Totton Old Boys, who beat Wildern Old Boys and Baddesley Park respectively.

Perfect Comrades

COMRADES maintained their 100 per cent record to return to the top of the Premier Division.

A 4-0 win at AFC Hiltigbury means they are two points clear of Cadnam United, while bottom-of-the-table Hedge End Town celebrated their first win of the season, 4-1 against fellow strugglers BTC Soton.

Station unable to douse Forest fire

THE Southampton DFA Junior B Cup is set for a remarkable all-New Forest FC final after the club's reserve side won its semi-final against AFC Station.

Ross Jones scored the goals in a 2-0 win. New Forest reserves, who play in Junior Five, are now looking forward to a final against the club's first team or Athletico Ramsey.

The Junior Four sides were due to contest their semi-final at Wide

Lane this afternoon. New Forest were also in cup action last week, losing 2-1 to the Isle of Wight's High Park Tavern in the second round of the Hampshire FA Junior B Cup.

● THERE were no shocks in the Southampton DFA Junior A Cup quarter-finals, with four Junior One clubs all winning at the expense of lower-league opposition.

Two-goal Justyn Penfold fired

AFC Gulf Western to a 3-0 win against Junior Three AFC Phoenix XI. Sean Looker, Rich Browne and Billy Cozens ensured

Chamberlayne AFC won by the same scoreline against Junior Two Bishop's Waltham Dynamos. Another Junior Two side, Compton Reserves, lost 4-2 to West Totton while Osborne beat their Junior One rivals Langley Manor, Lee Mitchell scoring the only goal. ● AFC STONEHAM'S Mark Keay

produced the performance of the day in the first round of the SL Vets League Cup, scoring all the goals in a 4-0 win at Old Tauntonians.

There were two goals apiece for Langley Manor trio Nick Alp, Tony Flood and Dave Boyd as Winchester Old Boys were defeated 6-3, while Hamble Club beat Michelmersh & Timsbury 3-2 on penalties and BTC Soton A beat Redbridge Old Boys 4-2.

THE GREATEST ESCAPE?

Priory comeback better than Liverpool v Milan ...

IT IS not often any team goes one better than Liverpool's great comeback against AC Milan in the Champions League final of 2005.

But Priory Rovers did just that against Otterbourne A in Junior Three last week, winning 5-4 despite trailing 4-0 at half-time, writes SIMON WALTER.

Liverpool needed penalties to overcome Milan, having trailed 3-0 after 45 minutes of that great match in Istanbul. But Priory Rovers got the job done inside 90 minutes, in the humbler surroundings of Hunters Park, Twyford.

Tom Farley, Joe Hoile and Matt Dowrick had helped put Otterbourne 4-0 up before Paul Stamp inspired Priory with two goals from left-back in his first game following keyhole surgery.

Further goals from Steve Davis, Stuart Seaborne and a sensational volley from 17 year-old Josh Stewart in only his second game of adult football completed a remarkable turnaround.

Player-manager Joe Jarvie said: "It was unbelievable, I still can't believe it and I don't think any of the lads can either."

"They did me proud, we're still buzzing from it. It's unlike us to go 4-0 down as we beat the same team 4-0 at the beginning of the season."

"It was like we'd never played together during the first half. We were embarrassing at times. We had a lack of confidence in a couple of areas, heads dropped when we conceded some shocking goals."

"So I ripped into them at half-time. I gave them a kick up the backside, told them how good they are and we started playing as a team in the second half."

Right-winger Jarvie was one of the half-time introductions.



BOSS: Joe Jarvie.



CATALYST: Paul Stamp.

"We played with more passion and as a unit," he said. "The confidence came back, there was more communication and we started running the game."

"We got it back to 4-4 with 17 minutes left and at that point there was no way we were going to lose. We were surprised Paul Stamp was able to play but we know what he's like – he'd play with a broken leg!"

"One of his goals was a 20-yard left-foot volley from a throw-in and Josh scored a blinder too. The ball bounced back off the crossbar and instead of taking a touch, and he's got a lovely first touch, he hit it first time with his right foot."

"All of our goals were good, particularly those two. But I felt sorry for Otterbourne because they played really well in the first half and had chances in the second."

Priory's win keeps them in second behind AFC Botley, who maintained their 100 per cent record with a 2-0 win at third-placed Capital thanks to goals from Matt Baldwin and Jon Townsend.

"Botley have already beaten us twice, they're a good side so realistically we're looking to finish second, which should be enough to go up," added Jarvie.



HAT-TRICK: Hamble Club's Luke Watts.

Bishopstoke do a Bayern

BISHOPSTOKE WMC produced a fine impression of Bayern Munich in the 1999 Champions League final as they were knocked out of the Southampton DFA Cup.

The Premier Division side led Hedge End Rangers 1-0 through Joe Williams only to lose 2-1 after conceding two injury time goals. Southampton University are also out following a 6-0 defeat to Hampshire League Hamble Club, who are through thanks to a Luke Watts hat-trick and two goals

from Ben Kneller.

Nursling were also well beaten, losing 4-0 at Winchester Castle, for whom Dean Cole, Liam Nancholas, Ben Unsworth and Shaun Boast scored the goals.

It all means AFC Hiltigbury are the only Drew Smith team left in the quarter-finals – thanks to a bye.

The Chandler's Ford outfit were guaranteed a place in the last eight after being drawn against Eastleigh reserves, who have withdrawn from the competition.

DREW SMITH RESULTS AND SCORERS IN MONDAY'S ECHO

Non-leagueFootball

LOO-KINGS' GOOD

KINGS' of Winchester are on the English Schools' FA Trophy trial with their under-14 and under-15 age group sides.

The under-14s reached the fifth round of their competition with a 2-1 win over Weydon and on Monday afternoon the under-15s bid to emulate their success when they host Queensmead, from Hillington, for a place in the last 32, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

Both King's goals came in the first half against Weydon – Jack Down powering the Winchester team ahead from a penalty after Kanya Mtshweni had been fouled and then, after Weydon had equalised, Mark Mcauley scoring the winner with a speculative drive into the roof of the net.

Down, who possesses a sweet and powerful left foot, hit the Weydon woodwork in the second half.

Teacher Chris Marwood, who coaches the Kings' teams, said: "Progress so far has been thanks to the boys' ability to pass the ball at pace and to have the intelligence to interchange positions in the final third.

"Against Weydon, they struggled to get their passing game going and gave the ball away too frequently which hopefully they can improve on in the next game.

"They deserved to win the game as they stuck together and defended well, showing incredible tenacity and determination to deny the opposition space.

"They are also lucky as they have a number of players who can score goals which makes it harder for their opponents, which is great for any coach."

Marwood is optimistic his Year 10 under-15 side can progress in the ESFA Trophy.

"The Year 10 side have also made excellent progress in their national cup journey, overcoming excellent opposition teams especially away from home, which is always challenging.

"They are still unbeaten in nearly four years within Hampshire which is a truly remarkable achievement in boys' football.



KINGS' SCHOOL UNDER-14s: Standing (from left): Chris Marwood (coach), Mark Mcauley, Charlie Wallbridge, Kanya Mtshweni, Alfie Glover, Nick Doubell, Connor Nolan, Jack Down, Matt Radcliffe. Front: Jo Sutherden, Dan Holt, Ben Parkinson, James Pike, Thomas Owusu-Brew, Oli Hall.

Daily Echo picture by Stuart Martin Order no: 17514221



PENALTY: Kings' Kanya Mtshweni, above centre, is sandwiched by two Weydon players resulting in a penalty. Order no: 17514280

SPOT ON: Jack Down powers in Kings' first-half penalty, right. Order no: 17514323

"They have a tough game against Queensmead on Monday but if they continue to show the same mental qualities they have shown in previous rounds then they will be hard to beat.

"They have become a more well rounded team this year thanks to individual players improving their game, most noticeably Ronan Smith, Raft Tellett, Nihal Bains and Chris Buckett. "Captain Max Kirwan

has been outstanding for four years at the heart of defence and Ben Rowthorne always provides a goal threat going forward." Kings' are also thriving on the girls' front and bid to make the quarter-finals

of their national competition and are due to host either Bournemouth or Bitterne Park on Wednesday, 2.15pm. King's have so far thrashed St Edmunds (Salisbury) 10-0 and Poole High 4-1.

SUMMIT MEETING

IT'S crunch time in the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League leadership race with perennial champions Itchen set to face second-placed Brockenhurst at Middle Road, Sholing, on Wednesday, 2pm.

The pair have enjoyed unbeaten starts, each drawing twice – with Itchen surprisingly held 4-4 by Queen Mary's in midweek.

The game ebbed and flowed with Nathan Maggs heading QMC into a half-time lead, which Kurtis Garraway cancelled out.

Queen Mary's restored their advantage, but Itchen turned the game on its head with Jamie Blackburn and Brad Doyle scoring to make it 3-2.

It didn't stay that way for long – Bulley equalising from a 25-yard free kick to make it 3-3.

Dylan Owen looked to have won it with Itchen's fourth goal, but Jack Green scored late on to earn QMC a share of the spoils.

"It was an excellent game which both sides probably thought they had won. Both will be disappointed with their defending," reflected QMC coach Dave Bourne.

Bournemouth & Poole will enjoy the local bragging rights for a while after nicking a late 1-0 win over Bournemouth Grammar.

The winner came in the closing ten minutes when Matt Morris nicked the ball off a home defender and set up a chance for

Jackson Sheppard. "What pleased me was us keeping a clean sheet," said B & P coach Matt Brown, who is Sholing's first choice goalkeeper.

"After the goals we let in at Peter Symonds the previous week, we worked on our defensive play and got a result."

Neighbours Poole Grammar won 2-1 at Richard Taunton, where the Southampton college twice hit the woodwork before Chris Wilcox, who caught the eye in midfield, gave PGS the lead with a fine solo effort.

Charlie Hunt pounced on some hesitant Poole defending to equalise before half-time, but ice-cool Marcus Brumpton grabbed a second-half winner for PGS.

Josh Chapman stood out for Richard Taunton's whose second-half efforts went unrewarded.

If you want to see goals – either end of the pitch – then Peter Symonds are still the team to watch.

After beating Bournemouth & Poole 5-3, they engaged in another eight-goal thriller, this time drawing 4-4 with visiting Alton.

Ryan Crockford got all four goals for PSC, with Dan Mellors, Marcus Brown, Richard Dane and Tom Lucas responding.

Wednesday's fixtures: Barton Peveril v Havant, Itchen v Brockenhurst, Peter Symonds v Bournemouth, Poole Grammar v Alton, Portsmouth v Bournemouth & Poole, South Downs v Basingstoke, Sparsholt v Queen Mary's, Totton v Richard Taunton.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Itchen	7	5	0	2	28	11	17
Brockenhurst	6	4	0	2	21	11	14
Havant	6	4	1	1	19	13	13
Farnborough	7	4	2	1	18	17	13
Portsmouth	6	3	0	3	21	11	12
South Downs	7	3	3	1	18	16	10
Peter Symonds	7	3	3	1	25	28	10
Bournemouth	5	3	2	0	16	11	9
Queen Mary's	8	2	3	3	22	26	9
Barton Peveril	6	2	3	1	16	18	7
Bournemouth & Poole	5	2	3	0	15	14	6
Richard Taunton	5	2	3	0	12	13	6
Poole	5	1	2	2	12	11	5
Sparsholt	4	1	2	1	11	12	4
Alton	6	1	4	1	14	18	4
St Vincent	5	1	4	0	12	23	3
Totton	5	0	3	2	9	24	2
Basingstoke	4	0	3	1	3	15	1

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 25

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

West Brom v Aston Villa (8pm ko).

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Redditch v Frome.

Division One South & West: Clevedon v Paulton Rovers.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Shield League Phase: C. Folland Sports v Sholing.

Tuesday, November 26

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group E: Basle v Chelsea, Steaua Bucuresti v Schalke 04.

Group F: Arsenal v Marseille, Borussia Dortmund v Napoli.

Group G: FC Porto v FK Austria Vienna, Zenit St Petersburg v Atletico Madrid.

Group H: Ajax v Barcelona, Celtic v AC Milan.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Charlton v Doncaster.

League 1: Bradford v Notts County, Brentford v Peterborough, Bristol City v Leyton Orient.

Carlisle v Crewe, Colchester v Milton Keynes Dons, Coventry v Rotherham, Crawley Town v Swindon, Gillingham v Stevenage, Port Vale v Preston, Sheff Utd v Walsall Shrewsbury v Oldham, Wolverhampton v Tranmere.

League 2: AFC Wimbledon v Dag & Red, Accrington Stanley v Fleetwood T, Burton Albion v Mansfield, Bury v Hartlepool, Cheltenham v Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield v Northampton, Morecambe v York, Oxford Utd v Newport County, Portsmouth v Southend, Rochdale v Scunthorpe, Torquay v Plymouth, Wycombe v Exeter.

SKRILL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Premier: Aldershot v Braintree Town, Dartford v Barnet, Hereford v FC Halifax, Luton v Southport, Nuneaton v Alfreton Town, Salisbury v Forest Green.

South: Weston-super-Mare v Sutton, Boreham Wood v Maidenhead, Concord Rangers v Farnborough, Hayes & Yeading v Ebbsfleet.

FA TROPHY

Third round qualifying replay: Leek Town v Brackley.

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Bideford v Banbury, Biggleswade v Stourbridge, Chesham v Poole Town, Hemel Hempstead v AFC Totton, Hungerford v Truro, St Neots v Bedford, Weymouth v Chippenham.

Division One South & West: Evesham v Cinderford, Mangotsfield v Shortwood, Merthyr Town v Bishops Cleeve, North Leigh v Cirencester, Stratford v Yate, Thatcham v Godalming, Tiverton v Bridgwater (7.30).

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Romsey v Folland Sports.

SWL Cup, quarter-final: Moneyfields v Petersfield.

RUSSELL COTES CUP

Second round: Fareham Town v US Portsmouth.

BASINGSTOKE SENIOR CUP

Quarter-final: Fleet Town v Welly Old Boys.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: Dorchester Town v New Milton.

Wyvern Shield League Phase: A. Laverstock & Ford v Tadley Calvea.

Wednesday, November 27

2013 UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group A: Bayer Leverkusen v Man Utd, Shakhtar Donetsk v Real Sociedad.

Group B: Juventus v FC Copenhagen, Real Madrid v Galatasaray.

Group C: Anderlecht v Benfica, PSG v Olympiacos.

Group D: CSKA Moscow v Bayern Munich, Man City v Plzen.

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Corby v Hitchin.

Division One South & West: Guildford City v Didcot.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Christchurch v Blackfield & Langley, Verwood v AFC Portchester.

Wyvern Shield League Phase: D. AFC Portchester v Hayling Utd, C. Fawley AFC v Lynton Town, B. Hythe & Dibden v US Portsmouth.

Thursday, November 28

UEFA Europa League

Group A: Kuban Krasnodar v St Gallen, Swansea v Valencia.

Group B: Chornomorets v Dinamo Zagreb, Ludogorets v PSV.

Group C: Esbjerg v Standard Liege, IF Elfsborg v SV Red Bull Salzburg.

Group D: Rubin Kazan v Maribor, Wigan v Zulte-Waregem.

Group E: Dnipro v Pandurii Targu-Jiu, Pacos Ferreira v Fiorentina.

Group F: Apoel Nicosia v Maccabi Tel-Aviv, Bordeaux v Eintracht Frankfurt.

Group G: Genk v Dynamo Kiev, Rapid Vienna v FC Thun.

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Group I: Lyon v Real Betis, Rijeka v Guimaraes.

Group J: Legia Warsaw v Lazio, Trabzonspor v Apollon Limassol.

Group K: Anzhi Makhachkala v FC Sheriff, Tromso v Spurs.

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WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Winchester City
Wyvern Shield League Phase: D. Moneyfields v East Cowes Vics.

Friday, November 29
SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Nottm Forest v Reading.
BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE
West Brom U21 v SAINTS U21 (2pm).

Saturday, November 30
(FL games 3pm ko unless stated otherwise)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Aston Villa v Sunderland, Cardiff v Arsenal,
Everton v Stoke, Newcastle v West Brom
(5.30pm), Norwich v Crystal Palace, West Ham v Fulham.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Barnsley v Birmingham,
Blackburn v Leeds, Blackpool v Sheff Wed,
Bournemouth v Brighton (12.15pm), Charlton v Ipswich, Doncaster v QPR, Huddersfield v Burnley, Leicester v Millwall, Middlesbrough v Bolton, Watford v Yeovil.

League 1: Crewe v Crawley Town, Leyton Orient v Sheff Utd, Milton Keynes Dons v Coventry, Notts County v Brentford, Peterborough v Wolverhampton, Preston v Bristol City, Rotherham v Gillingham, Stevenage v Shrewsbury, Swindon v Carlisle, Tranmere v Colchester, Walsall v Port Vale.

League 2: Bristol Rovers v AFC Wimbledon, Dag & Red v Wycombe, Exeter v Bury, Fleetwood Town v Oxford Utd, Hartlepool v Portsmouth, Mansfield v Morecambe, Northampton v Accrington Stanley, Plymouth v Burton Albion, Scunthorpe v Torquay Southend v Cheltenham, York v Rochdale.

BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE
Aston Villa U18 v Southampton U18 (11am).

FA TROPHY
First round: Leamington v Northwich Victoria, Tamworth v Macclesfield Town, FC Halifax Town v Guiseley, Southport v Boston United, Coalville Town v Grimsby Town, Hyde v North Ferriby Utd, Alfreton Town v Nuneaton Town, Chorley v Curzon Ashton, Bradford Park Avenue v Kidderminster Harriers, Worcester City v AFC Telford Utd, Altrincham v Brackley Town or Leek Town, Wrexham v Gresley, Chester v Barrow, Gateshead v Hednesford Town, Lincoln City v Stalybridge Celtic, Hereford United v Woking, Bury Town v Eastleigh, Dartford v Forest Green Rovers, Salisbury City v Cambridge United, Hendon v Whitstable Town, Arlesey Town v Whitehawk, Tonbridge Angels v St Albans City, Gosport Borough v Concord Rangers, Aldershot Town v Weston-super-Mare, Hungerford Town v Chesham Utd, Hayes & Yeading v Barnet, Daventry v Maidenhead, Staines Town v Luton Town, Ebbsfleet v Gloucester City, Braintree Town v Welling Utd, East Thurrock Utd v Dover Athletic, Basingstoke Town v Havant & Waterlooville.

SKRILL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
South: Dorchester v Eastbourne Borough, Boreham Wood v Bath City.

CALOR SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Biggleswade, Banbury v St Neots, Bedford v Bashley, Burnham v Bideford, Cambridge City v Hemel Hempstead, Frome v Corby, Poole Town v Chippenham, Stourbridge v Weymouth, Truro v Redditch.

Division One South & West: Cirencester v Didcot, Evesham v Tiverton, Fleet Town v Bishops Cleeve, Guildford City v Cinderford, Merthyr Town v Godalming, North Leigh v Swindon Supermarine, Paulton Rovers v Wimborne, Shortwood v Clevedon, Taunton v Stratford, Thatcham v Mangotsfield, Yate v Bridgwater.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Whitchurch, Bemerton HH v Romsey, Blackfield & Langley v Bournemouth Poppies, Christchurch v Moneyfields, Downton v Alresford, Fareham v Newport IoW, Fawley AFC v Verwood, Folland Sports v Hordean, Hamworthy v Brockenhurst, Sholing v Lymington Town, Totton & Eling v Winchester City.

Division One: Amesbury v US Portsmouth, Andover New Street v Team Solent, Cowes Sports v Ringwood, Hayling Utd v Fleet Spurs, Hythe & Dibden v Tadley Calvea, Laverstock & Ford v Andover Town, Petersfield v New Milton, Stockbridge v Pewsey Vale.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division: Baffins Milton Rovers v Clanfield, Bournemouth Sports v Headley Athletic, Colden Common v AFC Stoneham, Fleetlands v Paulsgrove, Liphook v Hedge End Rangers, Otterbourne v AFC Aldermaston, Overton v Locks Heath, QK Southampton v Liss Athletic.

Division One: Durley v Broughton, Four Marks v Andover Lions, Hamble Club v Bush Hill, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Lyndhurst, Upham v Infinity.

Combination: AFC Stoneham v Winchester Castle, Clanfield v Liphook, Hedge End Rangers v Overton, Liss v Hamble Club, Paulsgrove v Otterbourne.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Wimborne Town v Sholing.
Division One East: Alresford v Locks Heath, Alton v Folland Sports, Hordean v Colden Common, Newport IoW v Hayling Utd.
Division One West: East Cowes Vics v Hythe & Dibden, Lymington Town v Verwood, Ringwood v Fawley AFC, Team Solent v Laverstock & Ford.
Wyvern Shield League Phase: D. Romsey Town v Petersfield, A. Tadley Calvea v Bemerton HH, B. US Portsmouth v Christchurch.

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3 Titchborne Park	17	337	19.82
4 Lymington	17	336	19.76
5 Andover	17	335	19.71
6 Portsmouth	17	334	19.65
7 Bournemouth II	17	333	19.59
8 Calmore	17	333	19.59
9 Hampshire Academy	17	333	19.59
10 Liphook	17	333	19.59
11 Bashley	16	313	19.56
12 Fawley	17	331	19.47
13 St Cross II	17	331	19.47
14 Havant	17	330	19.41
15 Hursley Park	17	330	19.41
16 South Wilts	16	310	19.38
17 Old Tauntonians	17	328	19.29
18 Rowledge	18	347	19.28
19 Trojans	15	288	19.20
20 Hambledon	17	326	19.18
21 Ventor	16	306	19.13
22 Bashley II	17	325	19.12
23 South Wilts II	18	342	19.00
24 Hook & Newnham	15	284	18.93
25 Sparsholt	18	339	18.83
26 New Milton	17	319	18.76
27 Havant II	17	317	18.65
28 Burridge	16	298	18.63
29 St Cross	18	335	18.61
30 Totton & Eling II	17	316	18.59
31 Basingstoke II	17	315	18.53
32 United Services	18	332	18.44
33 Basingstoke	18	331	18.39
34 Sarisbury	16	294	18.38
35 Langley Manor	17	312	18.35
36 Paultons	17	310	18.24
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39 Hartley Wintney	18	319	17.72
40 Totton & Eling	16	279	17.44

SOUTHERN PREMIER CRICKET GROUND RATINGS

Premier Division	Pitch	Outfield	2013	2012
HCCC Academy	33.93	9.57	43.50	43.36
Ventnor (N Close)	31.50	8.71	40.21	41.20
Bashley	32.25	7.69	39.94	37.40
South Wilts	30.71	8.21	38.93	37.25
St Cross	30.38	8.25	38.62	39.17
Havant	30.50	7.88	38.38	34.35
Totton & Eling	31.36	6.86	38.21	33.33
Lymington	29.71	7.00	36.71	37.25
Bournemouth	30.12	6.44	36.56	34.66
Alton	28.08	7.17	35.25	29.13

Division 1	Pitch	Outfield	2013	2012
Salisbury Athletic	33.36	7.79	41.14	36.09
New Milton	31.81	8.44	40.25	38.64
Fawley	31.86	7.21	39.07	37.41
Rowledge	31.19	6.88	38.06	35.38
Liphook & Ripsley	29.62	8.12	37.75	36.70
Hartley Wintney	30.94	6.5	37.44	36.50
Andover	28.81	8.25	37.06	36.46
Hook & Newnham	29.75	7.00	36.75	36.45
Burridge	28.07	8.00	36.07	36.11
Hambledon	22.21	7.21	29.43	32.00

Division 2	Pitch	Outfield	2013	2012
Basingstoke	32.19	8.94	41.13	N/A
Totton & Eling II	32.38	7.94	40.19	35.06
Hursley	30.69	8.31	39.00	38.00
Paultons	29.31	7.12	37.38	35.10
Titchborne	27.93	8.00	35.64	38.10
OT's & Romsey	27.75	7.69	35.44	34.91
Sparsholt	28.25	6.81	35.06	35.40
US Portsmouth	27.44	7.56	35.00	37.00
Calmore	25.43	7.64	33.07	33.70
Langley Manor	24.57	7.29	31.86	39.23

Division 3	Pitch	Outfield	2013	2012
Bashley II	33.29	8.29	41.57	36.83
Basingstoke II	32.56	8.81	41.38	N/A
St Cross II	31.93	8.50	40.43	38.86
Bournemouth II	31.08	7.25	38.33	40.78
South Wilts II	30.19	8.00	37.94	38.43
Havant II	28.93	8.50	37.43	36.58
Trojans	27.50	8.25	35.63	37.10
Portsmouth & S	26.19	7.19	34.61	33.60
Portsmouth	28.12	6.31	34.44	38.25
Fair Oak	21.78	6.94	28.61	35.59

Southern Electric Premier League awards evening



DOUBLE: South Wilts cricketers celebrate their Premier Division and Southern Electric twenty20 Cup double.

CROWNING GLORY

SOUTH Wilts CC got their hands on the Southern Electric Premier League silverware for the second successive year at the league's annual awards evening.

The Salisbury-based club retained the Premier League title they won in 2012, and also added the Southern Electric twenty20 Cup to their trophy cabinet, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

● Burridge skipper Rick Ankers was presented with the SEPL Division 1 championship trophy by SWALEC sponsorship manager Huw Lock at the dinner.

Burridge enjoyed a terrific season, not only winning the title but also reaching the SEPL twenty20 Cup final played under the Ageas Bowl floodlights.

● Salisbury Athletic won the Most Improved Premier League Ground award – Allotment Road having earned an average pitch mark of 33.36 out of 40 last season.

Andy Oliphant collected the award from retiring league chairman Paul Thompson.

● The divisional winners of the Fair Play Trophy also received their silverware.

Andover (Lesley Morgan), Bournemouth (Martin



Four captains with everything to smile about! From left, Burridge skipper Rick Ankers (Division 1), South Wilts double winning Premier Division captain James Hayward, Portsmouth's Dave Henderson (SPL3) and prospective Basingstoke & North Hants skipper Chris Froud (SPL2), far right, pictured with their respective championship trophies.

Miller), Fair Oak (Rhys Oxley) and Titchborne Park (Will Allam) were presented with their club's awards.

Fair Oak were the overall 2013 Fair Play Trophy winners.

● Peter Symonds College

A-level student Alex

Hammond received the

Southern Electric Premier League Division 3 wicket-keeping award he won playing for championship-winning Portsmouth this summer.

Hammond, 17, a former Wildern School student, snapped up 21 victims behind the stumps for the

city club.

● Hampshire wicket-keeping prospect Lewis McManus was top Premier Division gloveman with 26 victims, comprising 17 catches and nine stumpings.

● Hursley Park left-arm spinner Matt Oliver was

awarded the Southern Electric Premier League Division 2 bowling prize from former Glamorgan & England cricketer Robert Croft.

Oliver played a major role in Hursley's successful promotion bid, capturing 36 wickets as his side finished

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Southern Electric Premier League awards evening



HANDS ON THE CUP: Burrridge cricketers celebrate their 2013 Southern Electric Premier League Division 1 title triumph. Pictured (from left) are: Scott Mills, Suji Wickramasinghe, Nic McMurray, Rick Ankers (with trophy), Sam Lavery, Paul Ancell, Derek Kenway, Richard Kenway.



FAIR PLAY WINNERS: From left, Andover (Lesley Morgan), Bournemouth (Martin Miller), Fair Oak (Rhys Oxley) and Tichborne Park (Will Allam) – show off their respective trophies.



KINGPIN: May's Bounty head groundsman Brian Reed, left, receives the George Winkles Trophy for groundsman of the year from Paul Thompson.



TOP GLOVE MAN: Lewis McManus, right, receives the Premier Division award from former Glamorgan & England cricketer Robert Croft.



BOWLING AWARD: All-rounder Matt Metcalfe, left, receives the Premier Division gong from Robert Croft.



DIVISION 2 BOWLING: Matt Oliver, left, receives his award from Robert Croft.

runners-up to Basingstoke & North Hants.

Hursley Park have been promoted into Division 1, the second tier of Premier League cricket, next season.

• May's Bounty, picturesque headquarters of

Basingstoke & North Hants and a popular former county out-ground, was voted the Southern Electric Premier League's Ground of the Year.

Head groundsman Brian Reed's pitches and outfield attracted the highest

ground marking scores from visiting players and umpires this season.

• All-rounder Matt Metcalfe won the ECB Southern Electric Premier League's bowling award for the third time in four seasons.

Metcalfe, who won the 2010 and 2011 awards when he was with Bournemouth, took 34 wickets for his new club Lymington in 2013.

He now has 335 victims to his name in Premier League cricket.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Hedge End Rangers Red U15s 2 Michelmersh & Timsbury 4

M&T progressed to the quarter-finals of the Tyro Trophy with a hard-fought victory.

Between them, these sides had lost only once all season, so something was going to give.

On 15 minutes, M & T took a deserved lead when Hutchings latched onto a Jack Corbett through-ball.

A rare Hedge End attack resulted in a speculative shot just creeping in to equalise.

Hedge End started the second half brighter and took the lead before Lucian Rees-Long made a fine save at his feet to avoid further deficit for M&T.

This woke the visitors up and Morgan Jacobs crossed superbly for Hutchings to head home.

M&T were resurgent and took the lead when Hutchings completed a hat-trick from a fine run and pass from Joe Bagguley, who also set up Grimes for a fourth goal.

Romsey Town U13 Cougars 2 Rodaway Rovers 1

Two goals of real quality sent Romsey through to the third round of the cup. Anesh Banerjee opened the scoring with a fantastic chip over the keeper in the first half.

Following a surging run through the heart of defence by Sam Gare, the ball was cleared to the right wing where Alex Porter spotted the keeper off his line and sent a 35-yard chip straight over the keeper into the top left hand corner.

Rodway replied in the last minute.

Wellow Wolves U10 7 Chamberlayne Athletic 2

A BILLY Galton header from a Matthew Shobbrook corner set Wellow on their way.

Shobbrook skipped past the last defender to make it 2-0 and Matt Webb added a third before half time.

Some early second half pressure from Chamberlayne brought a fine save from Adam Kelly before they reduced the arrears.

George Ludlam latched onto a fine through ball from Matt Webb to extend the lead to 4-1 before a scrappy effort from Chamberlayne made it 4-2.

Ludlam doubled his own tally with a superb free kick to make it 5-2 before completing a hat-trick.

Alex England, strong throughout, fired high in to the net to complete the victory.

Romsey Town U16 yellows 0 Hedge End Rangers 2

ROMSEY rue missed opportunities in another weekend of frustration as once again the result did not reflect the performance.

Town again started very well, Ralf Sweetman and Joseph Land-Jones continually producing penetrating runs.

Alongside them Marcus Vundla and George Nicholson-Jack kept the mid-field ticking with neat interchanges.

Tom Farr and Kevin Gatera upfront were causing problems with their movement and both saw snap shot efforts go wide.

Hedge End took the lead totally against the run of play when Romsey failed to clear their lines.

The second half was almost a repeat of the first with Romsey virtually camped in the opposition half.

The outstanding Dan Turrell and Allen continued to add support from the wing back positions.

Romsey's backline looked extremely solid with the impressive Weeks marshalling the troops superbly.

Rangers' first attempt in the second half came back off the post and their second attempt, an over the shoulder shot from outside the box, flew into the net.



DIVISION 3 WICKET-KEEPING: Alex Hammond.

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Saints complete the double over Pompey

SOUTHAMPTON Saints G&L FC's under-16s completed a friendly match double over Portsmouth Ladies, winning the away leg 4-1.

Saints started well, Paris Payne's pacy run down the right flank ending with Eilidh Currie's excellent finish for 1-0.

A flowing move involving Payne again, Tiff Eley, and

Elle Pearce led to Belinda Villa putting Saints two up with a strong left foot shot.

Villa bagged Saints' third just before half-time when she took advantage of a Currie shot which rebounded from the Pompey keeper.

Saints began the second half playing some delightful one-touch football. The distribution from keeper Ella Hunkin, and passing from

defenders Charlie Hall, Kayleigh Tonks, Millie Peake and Coral Oakley was excellent. It was inevitable that Saints would score again and Eley put in a peach of a cross for Currie to make it 4-0.

Portsmouth reduced the arrears with a free-kick from just outside the box.

Saints player of the match: Paris Payne.



ON THE ATTACK: Saints' Larissa White, centre, breaks down the wing in the match with Widbrook.

Picture courtesy of Louise White

Devilishly good performance

Saints' under-11 Devils won 3-1 at Widbrook under-12s.

Devils' defence was made up of Emily Gardner in goal along with Lucy Nightingale, Holly Blackall and Sophie Shiner and they definitely played their best match yet.

Larissa White put Devils ahead with a powerful shot on ten minutes and Charlotte Webb made it 2-0 just before half-time.

Grace Griffiths made it 3-0 with a neat run and shot after the break.

Saints player of the match:

Charlotte Webb.

BROWN IN THE PINK

LEAH Brown's hat-trick helped Saints under-14s to a 7-0 victory against Worthies.

Brown opened the scoring on three minutes and made it 2-0 soon after.

Sarah Williamson netted Saints third before Leah Lacey made it 4-0.

Ellie Russell and **Maisie** Steggle came off the bench and scored Saints' fifth and sixth goals to make the half-time scoreline 6-0.

A neat passing move in the second half was finished off by Brown for her hat-trick goal.

Soton handed tough PlayStation test

SOUTHAMPTON Boys face a daunting away day in either Cambridge or North London in the fourth round of the English Schools Under-15 PlayStation Trophy.

Their dubious reward for a 3-1 win over 2011 finalists

Mid-Oxfordshire is a trip to either Cambridge or Islington & Camden, who were due to play their delayed tie today.

Southampton had their game at Woodstock neatly wrapped up by half-time, goals by Jake Delimore,

James Parker-Trott and Jack Wilson giving the city side a 3-0 interval lead.

Mid-Oxford scored a second half consolation goal.

Gosport & Fareham were playing 2012/13 semi-finalists Brent in the third round today.

Hampshire Cricket

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CRICKET REPORTER



THE great Sachin Tendulkar finished his glittering career last week after playing an incredible 200 Tests – and six games against Hampshire.

Tendulkar is in an elite club to have scored more than 50,000 runs in all cricket and his 15,921 Test runs at 53 place him as one of the greatest batsmen of all time.

But he was never prolific when against Hampshire, scoring 229 runs at 32.7 in eight innings and refusing to bat on the only occasion he finished on the winning side...

Hampshire v India
Northlands Road, July 4-6 1990

Sachin was only just 17 when he first visited Southampton in the summer of 1990 at the beginning of India's tour.

He had made his Test debut against Pakistan in the hostile surroundings of Karachi eight months earlier and would make his maiden Test hundred against England at Old Trafford the following month.

On this occasion he could not stop Hampshire from winning by seven wickets.

Batting at three, he was dismissed for 32 by PJ Bakker in the first innings, caught by Paul Terry, as India made 278-7 declared.

He made an unbeaten 58 against an attack led by Mark Nicholas in the second innings as India declared at 143-1, setting Hampshire 305 to win. Centuries from captain Nicholas and David Gower ensured a comfortable victory.

Yorkshire v Hampshire
Headingley, County Championship,
May 7-10 1992

A top score of 86 in Yorkshire's first-innings total of 250 was an impressive effort from Sachin on his County Championship debut against a Hampshire attack led by Malcolm Marshall.

It was certainly an improvement on his Yorkshire debut a week earlier, when he was run out for seven at the non-striker's end in a Sunday League game against Kent.

He also bowled seven wicketless overs as Hampshire made 397-8 declared, but did not bat again as the match fizzled out into a draw.

Yorkshire v Hampshire
Headingley, Sunday League, May 24
1992

Hampshire were back in Leeds a fortnight later and ran Sachin out for a 32-ball 16 as they won this 40-over game by 59 runs. Openers Robin Smith (77) and Tony Middleton (66) helped Hampshire to 211-5, Sachin bowling six overs for 32, before Yorkshire were skittled for 152.

Hampshire v Yorkshire
Basingstoke, County Championship,
June 2-4 1992

Not for the first time, PJ Bakker claimed the



scalp of the Little Master and on this occasion the Dutchman bowled the Indian legend for a duck.

Having won the toss, Yorkshire were dismissed for 210 and soon conceded a first-innings lead of 141 as Hampshire made 351-9 declared in reply.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Master's goodbye

Batting great Sachin Tendulkar hit more than 15,000 Test runs... But how did he fare against Hampshire?



LAST WALK: Sachin Tendulkar, left, and, main pic, walking to the middle for his last innings in England.

Hampshire's first innings included Sachin's dismissal of Raj Maru for a duck, one of the occasional spinner's 12 wickets for Yorkshire, as he claimed 8-0-33-1.

Sachin then made 34 before he was bowled for the second time in the match, this time by Kevan James. India reached 222-7, a lead of 82, before hands were shaken on a draw.

Hampshire v India
Northlands Road, June 29- July 1 1996



WORSHIP: Sachin Tendulkar's final Test sparked scenes of wild celebration in India.

Kevan James claimed Sachin's wicket for the second time when India returned to Southampton between the second and third Tests.

Sachin was captaining India for only the third time, having skippered against Sussex and Essex the previous month, in readiness for leading his country in full internationals later that year.

But this game is best known for being the first time anyone took four wickets in four balls and scored a century in a first-class match.

Radio Solent commentator James dismissed Sachin for his second duck in three innings against Hampshire, with Jason Laney taking the catch.

Rahul Dravid and Sanjay Manjrekar were also amongst James' quartet as the Hampshire all-rounder finished with 5-74, India declaring on 362-5.

Batting at No 4, James then made 103 as Hampshire amassed 458-9 in another draw.

Hampshire v India
Rose Bowl, July 20-22 2002

This was a match that everyone involved would rather forget, but it is probably still remembered by Sachin for being played on one of the worst wickets he has seen for a first-class match.

It was also the only time he finished on the winning side against Hampshire, by 66 runs.

The story was not the result, however. Sachin refused to bat in India's second innings after making three from 20 balls (c Mascarenhas b Udal) on a terror track.

It was so bad a young James Tomlinson was not allowed to bowl in India's second innings for fear that it would put an Indian batsman out of the following week's first Test.

John Crawley, having been recalled to the England side following an impressive start to his Hampshire career, was absent from the second innings, blaming a dodgy curry rather than the wicket!

The Rose Bowl was only a year old and a week later another capricious pitch saw Hampshire docked eight County Championship points for a wicket rated as poor by the ECB on which Lancashire's James Anderson and Chris Tremlett took their maiden first-class five-wicket hauls.

Sachin returned to West End in 2007 for his only Rose Bowl international, making 17 as an opening batsman before he was dismissed by James Anderson, England winning the ODI by 104 runs.

He will be conspicuous by his absence when India arrive for the ground's second Test in July.

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Giroud 22,86 pen	
HT 1-0	
Everton 3	Liverpool 3
Mirallas 8	
Lukaku 72,82	
HT 1-2	
Fulham 1	Swansea 2
Parker 64	
HT 0-0	
Hull 0	Crystal P 1
HT 0-0	
Newcastle 2	Norwich 1
Remy 2	
Gouffran 38	
HT 2-0	
Stoke 2	Sunderland 0
Adam 30	
Nzonzi 81	
HT 1-0	
West Ham L	Chelsea L

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Arsenal	12	5	0	1	13	5	4	1	1	11	5	10	28
Liverpool	12	5	0	1	13	3	2	3	1	11	10	24	
SAINTS	12	4	2	0	11	2	2	2	2	4	5	22	
Chelsea	11	5	1	0	14	5	1	2	2	4	5	21	
Everton	12	3	3	0	9	6	2	3	1	8	7	21	
Man Utd	11	3	2	1	8	5	3	0	2	10	8	20	
Spurs	11	3	1	2	5	5	3	1	1	4	2	20	
Newcastle	12	3	2	0	9	6	3	1	0	3	8	11	
Man City	11	5	0	0	20	2	1	0	4	8	10	19	
Swansea	12	1	3	2	11	11	3	0	3	6	5	15	
W.B.A.	11	2	1	2	6	4	1	4	1	6	8	14	
A. Villa	11	2	0	4	6	9	2	2	1	5	3	14	
Hull	12	3	2	1	4	2	1	0	5	5	13	14	
Stoke	12	2	3	1	5	3	1	1	4	7	11	13	
Cardiff	11	2	1	2	5	5	1	2	3	4	10	12	
Norwich	12	2	2	2	7	7	1	0	5	3	16	11	
West Ham	11	1	1	3	5	7	1	3	2	4	4	10	
Fulham	12	1	1	4	6	11	2	0	4	5	10	10	
Crystal P	12	1	1	4	4	10	1	0	5	3	11	7	
Sunderlnd	12	2	0	4	6	10	0	1	5	2	14	7	

SkyBet Championship

Birmingham 1	Blackpool 1
Lingard 27	
HT 1-1	
Blackburn 0	Reading 0
HT 0-0	
CHERRIES 0	Derby City 1
HT 0-0	
Ipswich 1	Leicester 2
McGoldrick 2	
HT 1-0	
Leeds Utd 2	Middlesbro 1
McCormack 35	
Pearce 57	
HT 1-0	
Millwall 1	Barnsley 0
Wiseman 77 og	
HT 0-0	
Nottm For 1	Burnley 1
Cox 42	
HT 1-1	
Q.P.R. 1	Charlton 0
Austin 40	
HT 1-0	
Sheff Wed 1	Huddersfld 2
Wickham 90	
HT 0-1	
Watford 0	Bolton 1
HT 0-1	
Wigan 0	Brighton 1
HT 0-0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Burnley	16	5	3	0	15	4	5	2	1	13	7	35
Leicester	16	6	1	1	13	8	5	1	2	13	8	35
Q.P.R.	16	7	1	0	11	2	3	4	1	7	6	35
Blackpool	16	4	3	1	10	7	3	4	1	10	8	28
Nottm For	16	4	3	1	12	7	3	3	2	12	10	27
Leeds Utd	16	5	1	2	14	7	3	1	4	10	12	26
Derby City	16	2	3	3	13	14	5	1	2	17	9	25
Reading	16	4	4	0	14	7	2	3	3	9	11	25
Brighton	16	4	3	2	13	9	3	3	2	6	5	24
Watford	16	3	2	3	13	11	3	3	2	14	10	23
Wigan	15	4	3	1	12	8	2	1	4	5	5	22
Ipswich	16	4	1	3	13	8	1	2	4	3	11	24
Huddersfld	16	3	3	2	14	11	2	2	4	7	9	20
Blackburn	16	4	2	2	11	5	1	3	4	9	14	20
Bolton	16	1	5	2	9	9	3	2	3	8	12	19
CHERRIES	16	4	0	4	11	11	1	3	4	10	20	18
Millwall	16	3	2	3	13	12	1	3	4	8	19	17
Middlesbro	16	2	5	1	17	11	1	2	5	9	15	16
Doncaster	15	3	1	4	9	12	1	3	3	5	12	16
Birmingham	16	2	2	4	11	8	1	2	5	7	15	15
Charlton	15	1	3	3	5	8	2	2	4	7	11	14
Sheff Wed	15	1	3	3	11	11	0	5	3	7	14	11
Barnsley	16	2	4	2	10	16	0	1	7	6	16	11
Yeovil	16	1	1	6	4	10	1	2	5	6	14	9

SkyBet League One

Bristol C 0	Sheff Utd 1
HT 0-0	
Coventry 1	Tranmere 5
Baker 76 pen	
HT 0-3	
Crewe 0	Walsall 0
HT 0-0	
Crewe 1	Port Vale 2
Evans 35	
HT 1-1	
Gillingham 0	Oldham 1
HT 0-0	
M K Dons 2	Bradford 3
Barnford 36	
Williams 72 pen	
HT 1-2	
Peterboro 0	Stevenage 1
HT 0-1	
Preston 1	Colchester 1
Garner 45	
HT 1-0	
Rotherham 0	Carlisle 0
HT 0-0	
Shrewsbury 1	Notts Cnty 0
Reach 73	
HT 0-0	
Swindon 1	Leyton O 3
Ajoose 23	
HT 1-2	
Wolves 0	Brentford 0
HT 0-0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leyton O	17	6	1	1	17	6	7	1	1	22	8	41
Wolves	17	6	2	1	16	5	6	2	0	14	5	40
Peterboro	17	5	1	2	13	9	5	1	2	16	7	32
Brentford	17	5	1	2	13	5	4	3	2	12	12	31
Preston	17	3	5	1	13	10	5	2	1	12	7	31
Bradford	17	4	2	2	18	9	3	4	2	12	10	27
Swindon	17	6	1	2	21	12	2	1	5	11	12	26
Walsall	17	3	2	3	9	10	4	3	2	10	5	26
Port Vale	17	4	2	2	13	11	4	0	5	13	15	26
Rotherham	17	2	5	2	11	13	4	2	1	3	9	25
M K Dons	16	5	2	2	17	11	1	2	4	9	12	22
Coventry	17	6	1	2	23	19	3	3	2	15	11	21
Crawley	17	4	2	3	10	11	1	4	3	9	12	21
Shrewsbury	17	4	4	1	11	5	0	3	5	6	14	19
Oldham	16	3	2	2	8	6	2	1	6	12	17	18
Gillingham	17	3	2	4	9	10	2	1	5	11	16	18
Colchester	17	2	3	3	7	10	1	6	2	10	13	18
Carlisle	17	2	2	4	9	18	2	4	3	7	10	18
Tranmere	17	1	3	4	10	20	3	2	4	11	11	17
Stevenage	17	2	1	5	9	14	3	1	5	7	12	17
Sheff Utd	17	3	2	3	10	9	1	1	7	5	16	15
Bristol C	17	1	4	4	9	13	1	4	3	15	16	14
Crewe	17	1	2	3	4	9	17	1	6	4	21	13
Notts Cnty	17	3	0	5	11	10	0	1	8	6	21	10

SkyBet League Two

Acc Stanley 2	Torquay 1
Naismith 42,74	
HT 1-1	
Burton Albion 1	Bristol R 0
Weir 59	
HT 0-0	
Bury 1	AFC Wimbledon 1
Hylton 35	
HT 1-0	
Cheltenham 0	Newport County 0
HT 0-0	
Chesterfld 2	Wycombe 0
Banks 32	
Gnandjillet 45	
HT 2-0	
Fleetwood Town 5	Mansfield 4
Evans 1,66	
Sarcevici 35 pen,64,90 pen	

HT 2-2							Dyer 89
Hartlepool	2	Northmptn	0				Att 2,831
James 23							
Walton 49 pen							
HT 1-0						Att 3,617	
Oxford Utd	3	Morecambe	0				
Constable 16							
Rigg 25							
Williams 31							
HT 3-0						Att 4,871	
Plymouth	2	Dagenham	1				
Reid 44						Hines 45	
Young 77							
HT 1-1						Att 6,184	
POMPEY	1	Scunthorpe	2				
Cradock 36						Syers 40,70	
HT 1-1						Att 14,550	
Rochdale	3	Exeter	1				
Ross 39						Gow 46	
Cummins 66							
Tutte 87							
HT 1-0						Att 2,428	
Southend	2	York	1				
Hurst 6						Bowman 56	
Prosser 90							
HT 1-0						Att 9,018	